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AGENCY IN CALL FOR REVIEW OF AIRPORT PLANS

LYDD airport's expansion plans could be delayed for another 18 months after a Government body requested Shepway council's contentious decision be called in for review.

The appeal by Natural England, which advised councillors to reject the applications for a runway extension and new terminal on ecological grounds, will be heard by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

A special Shepway council meeting a fortnight ago had voted 27-12 in favour of the plans, which lasted well into the early hours and heard from 17 speakers on all sides, including Tory MP Michael Howard.

Shepway council has been told not

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to grant planning permission before Thursday, April 22, while the Government decides whether or not to call in the applications for a public inquiry.

Louise Barton, of anti-expansion group LAAG, said she was "not surprised" by the latest development:

"It looks like Shepway council will be dragged into a public inquiry at taxpayers' expense. This is not surprising as European law has been broken.

"The habitats regulations are very cut and dried - you have to prove beyond doubt that you would not cause any harm. But the airport manipulated the process and now they are getting their comeuppance.

"Natural England is at the pinnacle of power - it is the guardian of habitats regulations.

"If the inquiry starts in January or February 2011, a decision might not be made until September later that year."

Lydd airport managing director Jonathan Gordon said there was "no sound reason" to delay the £25 million expansion plans, which he claims could create up to 500 jobs.

He said: "It would be manifestly unreasonable for the Secretary of State to call in our applications and we have explained why in a detailed and extremely robust submission to the Government Office for the South East.

"There are set criteria for calling in planning applications and the simple fact is that our plans do not meet any of these criteria.

"Our two applications do not conflict with national policies, they would have no significant effects beyond their

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NEW BLACK RHINO A 'GIFT' FOR ZOO

A black rhino has become Port Lympne's latest arrival after travelling more than 600 miles from Germany as part of the zoo's captive-breeding programme.

Keepers welcomed three-year-old female Zawadi, whose name means 'gift' in Swahili, early on Tuesday last week.

After arriving in a crate from Berlin Zoo, the park's rhino team was called into action and used tractors, trailers, chains and a forklift truck to manoeuvre her into position.

When the bars were raised, the rare pachyderm was understandably a little confused as she backed out of her crate and explored her new enclosure.

Zawadi's mother is expecting another baby, which meant it was time for her daughter to leave her side, just as she would in the wild. Zawadi is unrelated to any other animal at the park, and this should help continue the genetic diversity and success of the breeding programmes.

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College staff reassured over merger plans

A MEETING was held with staff at South Kent College's Folkestone campus on Monday to inform them of changes involved in the upcoming merger.

Last week it emerged that union leaders feared the tie-up with West Kent College would result in an asset-stripping exercise and loss of jobs.

Pat Gorman, local chairman of the Universities and Colleges Union had said: "We are not opposed to merger; we are simply opposed to being forced into this merger in this way."

But on Monday, West Kent principal Bill Fearon spent the day visiting the college's campuses in Folkestone, Dover and Ashford trying to reassure staff.

Both colleges' governors agreed to sign up to the deal, which would result in a new college called Kent Invicta College, but members of SKC teaching staff said they felt they had been excluded from discussions.

Meeting

Sandy Fleming, from South Kent College, said: "Mr Fearon was introducing people to his team who will be working with our team as well."

"The day was about meeting staff face to face and telling them what the plans are and what the consultation process will be."

"We will be talking to everybody about the best way forward. Staff will be kept fully informed."

"There was no point in doing that until now because the agreement had not gone through. It would have not been appropriate and against the protocol of the Learning Skills Council (LSC)."

Earlier this year West Kent College had threatened to pull out



INFORMED: SKC principal Monica Box

of the merger because it said it could not support South Kent College's debts of £4.9 million.

However, the college, which is based in Tonbridge, is currently undergoing its own £70 million re-building programme.

The merger still has to be agreed by the Minister of State for Further Education by the end of the month, but funding for post-16 education looks like it will undergo radical changes after the general election, whatever party comes to power.

Ms Fleming said that Monica Box, the current principal at South Kent, had kept everyone informed as far as possible, but if the deal was not signed there was only so far she could go because it might have fallen through.

In a poll of college staff, 133 voted against the merger, with only one in favour.

South Kent College has campuses at Shorncliffe Road in Folkestone and Maison Dieu Road in Dover.

Car 'driven off with woman on bonnet'

A MAN has been arrested after a woman was allegedly charged at in a car which was then driven off with her clinging to it.

The incident happened in Hawkinge at about 11am on Tuesday last week, when a man allegedly drove at a woman in her late 20s, causing her to fall on to the bonnet.

The car was then driven down Canterbury Road and into a cul-de-sac while the woman clung on.

The woman suffered swollen fingers, cuts and bruises. A 34-year-old man was arrested.

Anyone who saw what happened is asked to phone PC Benjamin Howard on 01622 690690 quoting reference FY/3551/10.

Candidate is invited to join tourism group

SHEPWAY Tory parliamentary hopeful Damian Collins has been invited to join a new advisory group to promote tourism in the area.

The new Kent Contemporary Working Group set up by tourism body Visit Kent includes chief executive Sandra Matthews-Marsh and Tourism South East head Mike Bedingfield.

Mr Collins said Folkestone's Creative Quarter, Triennial, Book Festival and the work of groups like the Folkestone Arts Committee gave the area a strong offering.

Promoting the town's vital role during the First World War as a major port taking troops to the front line was also a great opportunity, he said.

Shop-owner fined for under-age drink sale

PUBS, clubs and off-licences are being warned of the consequences of selling alcohol to under-age youngsters.

A shop-owner in Folkestone was fined £80 after allowing two people aged 14 and 15 to buy drink. The teenagers were taking part in an undercover joint operation with Kent Trading Standards.

Kent Trading Standards is now considering whether to take the shop to a Licence Review.

People under 18 found buying or attempting to buy alcohol face a fine up to £50. It is also an offence to use fake or borrowed identification or to buy alcohol for someone underage.

Profits fall at 'resilient' Eurotunnel

EUROTUNNEL profits have plummeted to just £1.3million, down from £31million a year ago, due to the 2008 fire and the extreme winter weather over Christmas.

The company, which operates the Channel Tunnel and vehicle shuttle trains, has also been hit by the recession and said the cross-Channel truck shuttling service had gone down by a fifth since 2007.

But Eurotunnel chairman and chief executive Jacques Gounon said the latest results, for the year 2009, were proof of its "resilience in the face of difficulties."

He said: "Our group has remained profitable in an unfavourable economic context."

"This performance shows that the group is in good shape to benefit from the economic recovery, as soon as it begins."

"The payment of a dividend is a demonstration of our confidence and determination for 2010."

The tunnel fire in September 2008 had reduced capacity up until February 2009.

The 16-hour blaze was the third in the Tunnel's history and destroyed six Euroshuttle carriages and one locomotive.

More than 300 firefighters from both sides of the Channel helped tackle the inferno, which started about seven miles from the French side.

The cause is still being determined by the French transport accident investigation bureau, aided by their British counterparts.

Thousands of passengers were also left stranded over the Christmas period, when extreme snow and ice conditions affected train mecha-

nisms, causing them to break down in the tunnel.

Despite this, highlights of the results showed Eurostar – a separate company which provides passenger services through the tunnel – boosting its numbers to 9.2 million in 2009.


Eurotunnel also reported its first acquisitions after buying four of the French subsidiaries of Veolia Cargo on November 30 for £17 million.

It also said it had found ways to reduce its operating costs, which helped in part to absorb the considerable increase in insurance premiums of £20 million in 2009.

The company said next year it hoped to bring the total costs of its insurance premiums down from £31 million to £21 million, which had increased sharply following the 2008 fire.

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Line-up getting heavy for alternative festival

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HARDCORE punk band Gallows and indie outfit The Subways have been announced as the main headliners for this summer's second Hevy Music Festival.

Brazilian death metallers Sepultura are also on the line-up for the three-day event, which will be held at a new venue at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park.

Rolo Tomassi, Napalm Death, Polar Bear Club, Dead Swans and Lower Than Atlantis are also on the bill, which has yet to confirm its Sunday headliner.

The alternative music festival, founded by 23-year-olds James Dutton and Claire Baker, held its inaugural event last year on Folkestone seafront where Feeder, Ash and Gary Numan stormed the stage.

This year has seen it extended to three days and a bigger site featuring four stages, together with live extreme sports displays and thrill-rides.

James Dutton said: "With a brand new venue and some awesome plans, this year's festival is what we've always wanted to bring to Kent – it's going to be huge."

"There's some fantastic little festivals down here that offer a great family-friendly product, but we've always felt there's a need in this corner of the UK for something a little heavier, and that's what we hope to be – Kent's alternative music festival."

"We're really going for it too – with huge



WE'RE GOING FOR IT! The crowds at last year's Hevy festival enjoyed top acts such as Gary Numan, Feeder and Ash

bands from all corners of rock, punk, hardcore and metal, insane extreme sports displays and some state-of-the-art thrill rides – everything is focused on the alternative market."

Birmingham-based Napalm Death have been on the road for the last 28 years and played a leading part in defining the metal genre.

Their aggressive playing, short song lengths, fast tempos and deep guttural vocals have helped them stand the test of time.

The band also holds the Guinness World Record for the shortest ever recorded song, You

Suffer, which is precisely 1.316 seconds long.

Appropriately-named Feed The Rhino will also appear on Saturday's main stage, given Port Lympne is renowned for its Black Rhinoceros captive breeding programme.

The Kentish hard-rocking riffsters will be among many other local bands appearing on a dedicated stage over the weekend and acts are invited to apply online.

Weekend camping tickets for the event on Friday to Sunday, August 6-8, cost £69 and are available at www.hevy.co.uk.

'We have to be consulted by law'

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immediate locality, they would not give rise to substantial regional or national controversy, they do not raise significant architectural and urban design issues and they do not involve interests of national security or of foreign governments.

"What's more, the democratically-elected members of Shepway have reviewed, examined and questioned the applications."

"A full council meeting concluded overwhelmingly that our plans would not have an adverse effect on the internationally-designated sites of importance and also that the benefits in being a catalyst in the regeneration of Romney Marsh were significant."

"An inquiry would be costly for all the parties concerned and cause significant delay in the development of the airport and the £25million investment and hundreds of jobs proposed."

Natural England area manager Rob Cameron said the body supported developments that were sustainable and in the right places.

He said: "We have to be consulted by law because the proposed expansion at Lydd may affect nature-conservation sites of national and international importance."

"We also have to consider the likely impacts on wider ecological interests and landscape in the area and the impacts on local access and recreation."

"The scientific evidence supports the need for the 'call-in'."

"If the Secretary of State agrees to Natural England's request, this would most likely result in a public inquiry."

Some of the objections Natural England raised about the airport's proposals were the lack of a detailed bird-control plan, air-quality issues, especially on levels of nitrogen, and adverse effects on the adjacent Site of Scientific Special Interest (SSSI).

Winter chaos sparks debate

TRAVEL disruption in the run-up to Christmas has prompted Kent County Council to have a meeting to discuss Operation Stack.

Nick Chard, cabinet member for highways, has asked for a meeting with Kent Police, the Highways Agency, Dover council, Eurotunnel, Dover Harbour Board and ferry operators.

Cllr Chard said: "The problems occurring in the week before Christmas, when the port of Calais and Eurotunnel were closed, have highlighted the need for a contingency plan when lorries and cars are caught up in Operation Stack."

Meanwhile, the council's preferred solution of building a lorry park between junctions 10 and 11 of the M20 near Aldington is undergoing an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Given the economic climate, finding the funds to build the 2,500-space park looks increasingly difficult.

Ronald Lello from the Sellindge and District Residents' Association said: "Imagine pouring concrete all over the land between Aldington and Sellindge just to accommodate lorries on the few days there are problems."

"There are 7,500 HGVs going in and out of Dover each day and by the time the park is built this is expected to rise to 13,000 and probably more."

"What use then for a park which will not have enough space even for one day?"

Haulage boss offers new ideas for Stack

A HAULAGE boss has labelled the way Operation Stack is handled as a "shambles" and has suggested dividing the trucks into separate queues.

Ian Baxter, managing director of Nottingham-based firm RH Freight, told Roadtransport.com that congestion could be eased if traffic was separated and filtered into those heading for the Channel Tunnel and those for the Port of Dover.

Operation Stack is used by Kent Police when bad weather, industrial strikes or other major incidents such as a fire causes a backlog of lorries, forcing them to queue on the M20 to avoid gridlock.

Mr Baxter said: "There needs to be a system where the trucks heading to the Port of Dover and those heading to Eurotunnel are properly separated; and we also need a proper designated area to pull trucks off the motorway."

"These measures would reduce unnecessary congestion and save operators a lot of time."

Shepway Lib Dem councillor Peter Carroll, who is also the former boss of Maidstone-based firm Seymour Transport, told the website not enough was being made of the Quick Moveable Barrier (QMB) introduced in 2007.

The barrier allows four lanes to stay open on the M20 to cars when trucks are parked on the rest of the motorway.

Phase One of Operation Stack involves closing the road between junctions 11 for Hythe and 12 for Cheriton, with vehicles being diverted via the A20.

Phase Two sees the closure of the M20 between junctions 8-9, Maidstone to Ashford, with the A20 again used as an alternative route. Phase Three involves closing the M20 London-bound between junctions 9-8, Ashford to Maidstone.

A police spokesman said the force supports the principle that a lorry park will help provide a permanent solution to the problems caused by Operation Stack when there is disruption to cross-Channel traffic.

However the spokesman said the possible future location and how it is decided is a matter for KCC and local authorities and the police would continue to work to ease the disruption caused.

One of the county council's preferred options has been the building of a 2,500-lorry park between junctions 10-11 near Aldington, which is currently undergoing an environmental assessment.



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THE SCENE TODAY: Network Rail says that it would cost too much money to reopen Lydd Town railway station

Online campaign to reopen station derailed by costs

NETWORK Rail has said it would be too expensive to reopen Lydd Town railway station for passengers, despite an online campaign with hundreds of supporters.

The company in charge of the national railways said demand would have to increase significantly and would require track, signalling and other costly upgrades, while the business case was not strong enough.

The Facebook campaign to date has nearly 650 members, with many citing the recent approval of Lydd Airport's expansion plans as reasons why it should be considered.

One contributor, Gary Brown said: "Good idea to reopen Lydd station now that Lydd Airport has got its long-awaited go ahead for expansion."

"It's a shame so many people have moved away to try and make a better future for themselves and for their kids, when these changes could have been made long ago."

Support

Another, Angela Smith said: "Yes, it would be great. The kids growing up in Lydd now would be able to get to and from Ashford when they're older and looking for decent jobs."

"Adults would be able to get jobs too without having to fork out the ridiculous bus fares."

Conservative parliamentary candidate Damian Collins has signed up to the group and Marsh county councillor Willie Richardson also expressed his support on the site.

According to various sources and accounts online, Lydd station was first opened in December 1881 by the Lydd Railway Company, as part of a standard gauge single track line between Appledore and Dungeness.

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It was renamed Lydd Town in 1937 to avoid confusion when the line was realigned and took in two more stops, at Lydd-on-Sea and Greatstone-on-Sea.

It closed to passengers in March 1967 after a drop-off in numbers, although the line is still used to transport nuclear waste from Dungeness power station.

The station today is largely derelict and boarded up, having suffered from vandalism and fire damage.

A Network Rail spokesman said: "A number of potentially costly investments would be required in order to provide a viable link between Lydd Airport and Ashford International, and airport demand would have to be significant in order to justify the level of investment which would be required."

"Until it can be proven that the investment demonstrates value for money, we are not in a position to support this proposal."

"However, we would be open to exploring the options further should a third party wish to fund the project."

Some of the hurdles which would need to be overcome include improving the track quality, signalling and level crossings to allow for more frequent and faster trains than is currently possible.

Platform capacity at Ashford station would have to be increased to accommodate the extra trains, as well as paying for new facilities at Lydd and extra rolling stock.

Network Rail said it was also unlikely the Office for Rail Regulation, which awards funding for new routes, would think the business case strong enough to justify the level of investment necessary.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Watch out for one another

PEOPLE in the Dallas Brett Crescent area of Folkestone are joining forces to fight crime and antisocial behaviour.

Dozens have joined the area's Neighbourhood Watch scheme and anyone living in the area is invited to join the growing group.

The distinctive Neighbourhood Watch signs have just been put up in prominent places along Dallas Brett Crescent to promote the scheme and deter crime.

The area's liaison officer, Sally Coleman, said: "Neighbourhood Watch is the most successful local community crime-prevention initiative, with schemes all over the country. It is the largest voluntary organisation in the country, covering 27 per cent of households."

Anyone interested in the Dallas Brett Neighbourhood Watch scheme can speak to one of the neighbourhood officers – PCSO Bethan Ghost, PCSO Janet Rumley, PC Richard Leivers or KCC Community Warden Nick Adams.

Call the Shepway Neighbourhood Policing Unit on 01303 289271 or liaison officer Sally Coleman on 01304 218151.

Wartime bombs made safe

UNEXPLODED World War Two bombs discovered in Dymchurch were safely exploded after being dug up by contractors.

Police were called to Hythe Road at 11.50am last Wednesday after reports five unexploded Bofors anti-aircraft shells had been uncovered. They were believed to have been buried on the beach and were in a rusty condition.

They measured 15 inches long, three inches in diameter at the base and tapered to 1.5 inches at the explosive end.

The area was cordoned off and a bomb-disposal team conducted a controlled explosion at 1.45pm.

Young film fans wanted

A FILM production company for young people is looking for members to join its creative panel and take part in future projects.

Folkestone Film Factory is inviting those aged 10-17 to help get involved in community-based initiatives. The social enterprise uses film-making to educate, inspire, engage, inform and support.

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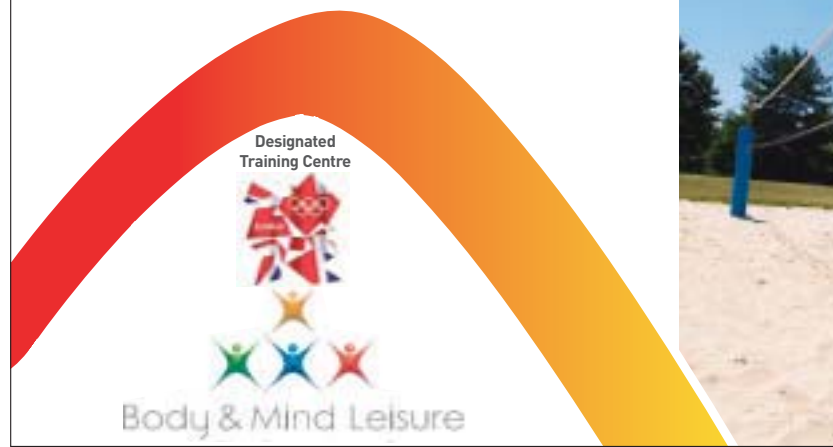
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Bittern booming again after care

A BITTERN – one of this country's most iconic birds – has been released back into the wild after being found injured at Dungeness.

The bird was found at Dungeness RSPB reserve, with X-rays revealing it had suffered a fracture, bruising and a wound on the underside of its wing, probably after hitting an overhead cable.

The bittern was treated with stitches and antibiotics before being sent to Mallydams Wood wildlife centre in near-by Hastings.

RSPB site manager Bob Gomes said after its release back at Dungeness: "It's wonderful to see this bird being brought home. We were very concerned. We knew it was essential it was cared for – the bird not would survive on its own – and have been following its progress avidly.

Grateful

"Mallydams Wood has done a great job and we are grateful. It is one of just six wintering bitterns at Dungeness. We are hoping they will choose to stay for the summer and breed."

RSPCA officer Richard Thompson said: "The recovery of this bird has been an emotional roller-coaster for the staff, with wound breakdowns, frequent anaesthetics and the coldest winter in 30 years compounding the problem of outside accommodation and release.

"Numbers of bitterns are increasing, but every individual is important."

Bitterns were on the brink of extinction in the UK in the 1990s and there were just 11 males left in 1997.

After a combined conservation effort, however, the UK bittern population has now reached 82 territorial males.

Finding new life after abuse and drug addiction

HOMELESS charity Porchlight is also at the forefront of helping people battle the results of sexual abuse and substance addiction.

Anne has been at the charity's supported accommodation in Dover for just over a year. At the age of 45 she has had many years of trying to get her life together.

Anne hopes that by telling her story she will be able to change people's attitudes towards homelessness and reach people who need help.

She said: "The abuse started when I was young. Various family members abused me from three years old until I was 21. The thing with sexual abuse is that it is mental abuse as well.

"My uncle abused me until I was nearly eight, when I plucked up the courage to tell my mum. Because it was family, it was a big taboo and brushed under the carpet."

At 17, Anne gave birth to her first child and returned to work soon after. But just a year later, Anne met her husband, who introduced her to drugs and her life took a downward turn from which it has taken almost three decades

■ BY NICK AMES

to come back. She said: "He gave me my first injection and from there it was downhill. The years that followed were a mixture of drugs, abuse and homelessness. I worked on the streets to pay for my habit.

"I slept in stairwells and crack-houses in London, sofa-surfing and sleeping rough."

Between the ages of 22 and 32, Anne had four more children.

"Every time I became pregnant I came off the drugs," she said. "I was in hospital throughout my pregnancies because of the abuse I had suffered earlier in my life."

Then, at 35, Anne suffered a shocking tragedy that left her unable to cope.

She said: "My husband hanged himself. It was a trigger that sent me further off the rails."

Six years later, Anne lost her father. Rough sleeping and having nowhere to turn was a wake-up call that lead Anne to get support from a drug-addiction agency.

The agency put Anne in touch with Porchlight, and early in 2008 she got a room in



NEW START: Recovering drug addict Anne is now hoping to get her life back on track, thanks to Porchlight

supported accommodation in Dover. "Over a year on, I know it has saved my life," she said.

"If I was still out there I would be using drugs or dead.

"I have now found out that I have HIV. But I wouldn't have found out at all if I wasn't in supported accommodation.

"It has knocked me back, but I want to get my life back on track. I want to get my own place, an education, to be settled and to get my kids back."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

ALICE MARTIN



Q Tell us something about yourself

A I'm originally from Broadstairs, now living in Canterbury and a graduate of the University of Kent. I've always had a passion for singing and acting. I've appeared in more than a dozen shows and performed at both the Marlowe and Gulbenkian theatres.

During the day I work as a teaching assistant and divide my free time between the gym, show rehearsals and singing lessons.

Q How did you first get involved in acting and singing?

A I come from a musical background. My dad's a singer and plays the piano, and my uncle plays cello in the BBC Symphony Orchestra. Other members of my family are involved in either music or performance.

I learned to play the violin at the age of seven, followed by the saxophone, and also went to dance classes, but I became more interested in singing at secondary school.

I joined both Ramsgate and Canterbury Operatic Societies at 17 and auditioned for the part of Hodel in Fiddler On The Roof at The Marlowe. I also later joined Herne Bay Operatic Society.

Q What shows have you done in the past?

A Besides Fiddler On The Roof, I've had leading roles in The Mikado, The Pirates Of

Penzance, Barnum, Annie Get Your Gun and Titanic The Musical.

I've also appeared in Fame, Me And My Girl and The Hot Mikado, together with compilation shows of the music of Gershwin and Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Q What has been your favourite role to date?

A It would have to be when I played a third-class Irish passenger, Kate McGowan, in Titanic The Musical. The show was held in November 2008 and was one of the last to be staged at the old Marlowe before the redevelopment began.

Everything about it was different to what I'd done before. There was a large cast with elaborate sets and costumes. We were conscious of re-creating something that was based on a real-life human tragedy and our style and approach had to be sensitive towards that. The music was very inspiring.

Q Tell us about your latest show, The Pajama Game

A It's a love story set in 1950s America, where employees at the Sleepytime Pajama factory are demanding a wage rise. The songs are incredibly catchy, including well-known numbers such as Hey There, Small Talk, Steam Heat and Hernandez's Hideaway.

Doris Day starred in the original film version and more recently it has been revived on

Broadway. I play the cameo role of Poopsie, a factory girl and a union activist.

Q What advice would you say to those who would like to pursue a career in acting or singing?

A Get involved with local theatre companies and be proactive. Some people overlook this, but it's important to get experience wherever you can.

Q What is it you hope to achieve in future?

A I'm taking regular singing lessons and hope to record an album featuring a mix of contemporary and jazz songs this summer. I'm also looking out for roles.

Q How do you prepare before taking to the stage?

A I recommend sucking on half a lemon before going on stage because it helps to clear the throat, but the most important thing is a vocal warm-up and breathing exercises.

Q How can people find out more about the show?

A The Pajama Game is on at the Gulbenkian Theatre all this week, with the last performance on Saturday evening, when there's also a matinee on the same day. Tickets are from £10 and can be booked on 01227 769075 or online at www.thegulbenkian.co.uk.

Q & A

The aspiring actress and singer spoke to **James Alexandre** about her role in Canterbury Operatics' latest production at the Gulbenkian, how she first became involved in the theatre and her plans for the future

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A chip off the old cop lands driver jail term

■ BY STIAN ALEXANDER

THE owner of a parrot that featured in a Pirates Of The Caribbean movie has been jailed after being caught driving with the pet bird on her shoulder.

Ludmila Sweeney was pulled over and arrested at the Port of Dover in September last year after officers saw her driving with the macaw, called Chip, perched on her arm.

But as police questioned Sweeney about her 14th driving conviction, her pet parrot attacked an officer given the job of moving her car.

The bird, which was loose inside Sweeney's car, bit and scratched PC Martin Dadd as he tried to steer the car to a compound, "tearing chunks out of him", according to witnesses.

The blue-and-yellow macaw starred in the 2003 film Pirates Of The Caribbean: Curse Of The Black Pearl with Johnny Depp and Keira Knightley as the mouthpiece of mute Pirate Cotton, played by David Bailie.

But although Chip is free as a bird, his owner was jailed at Ashford court.

Sweeney, 58, from Berkshire, admitted driving while disqualified and was jailed for five months and disqualified from driving for six years.

MACAW BLIMEY: Ludmila Sweeney, who owns Chip the movie-star parrot, has been jailed and disqualified from driving after being pulled over at the Port of Dover with the bird on her shoulder



Speaking at the time, witness Greig Stephenson said: "The bird wouldn't stop going for the poor guy. It was flying around taking chunks out of him as he drove."

"The copper looked terrified and was covered in scratches. He did not look happy at all."

A police spokesman said: "The woman who was arrested last year for driving while disqualified with a macaw – the same parrot that

starred in Pirates Of The Caribbean – sat on her shoulder pleaded guilty at Ashford court and was sentenced to 150 days' imprisonment and disqualified from driving for six years."

Chief Supt Steve Masters, who confirmed that a relative was looking after the parrot while Sweeney was in jail, said: "The officer got a bit of a pecking and had a few scratches and bites."

Still time to join Sport Relief Mile

THE Sport Relief Mile at Fowlmead Country Park, near Deal, takes place on Sunday.

Plenty of local people are already signed up to take part, so others need to get a move on over the next few days to ensure places for friends, family and workmates.

Active Dover, which is coordinating the event, says it's fantastic so many in the district are gathering together to show their support for the Sport Relief appeal.



ON THE RUN :

Rugby legends Austin Healey, Martin Johnson and Matt Dawson are promoting the Sport Relief Mile

A spokesman said: "You can choose your own distance challenge from one, three or six miles. That means from tots with mums and dads, to sprinters up against the clock, there's something for everyone."

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Sport Relief has a history of celebrity involvement and people taking on extraordinary challenges, including Christine Bleakley, of BBC TV's The One Show, who water-skied to Calais after setting off from Dover seafront last week.

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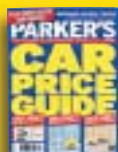
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RIGHT CONNECTION: Good broadband speeds are essential, not a luxury, for businesses in rural areas

Rural firms will need cut of the broadband cash

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

BUSINESSES based in rural areas must get help to improve internet connection speeds or face losing out to foreign competition.

Rural campaigners warned living standards will fall unless they are awarded a slice of £1 billion funding for broadband internet.

Andrew Bowles, chairman of the Rural Forum for the South East, said about half of all small and medium-sized businesses in the region are based in rural areas, but often suffer from slow broadband connections or none at all.

The UK is ranked a lowly 31 out of 66 European countries in terms of internet speed. So, the Government is setting up the Next Generation Access Fund to improve connections.

Mr Bowles said: "It's embarrassing and disastrous that the UK is so far down the league table and there are big implications for the British economy and jobs."

"It's becoming very difficult to run small businesses in rural areas without faster internet speeds and is forcing people to open new offices in towns, increasing their carbon footprint because they are driving further than they normally would."

"It's also having a knock-on effect on the rural communities, where before businesses would use the local post office or perhaps take clients out to lunch at the village pub."

"There's even a report that says the GCSE results of children who live in areas with inadequate internet access are 25 per cent lower, on average."

According to research by the Commission for Rural Communities, more than a quarter of people who live outside towns and cities do not have basic broadband, or can only get it at slow speeds.

Majority

Last week Virgin announced it will begin to roll out its new super-fast 100mb broadband service across the UK from the end of this year, after testing speeds of double that figure in Ashford.

Roger House, chairman of the Kent and Medway branch of the Federation of Small Businesses, agreed that for the majority of its 6,500 members, fast internet was essential.

He said: "Broadband is not an added luxury to today's small businesses but an essential service similar to utilities such as gas and electricity."

Last week the Government announced the formation of the Broadband Delivery UK body, which will be responsible for spending the £1bn fund to deliver faster internet speeds to 90 per cent of the country by 2017.

'Don't miss swine flu vaccinations'

PREGNANT women and others eligible for the swine flu vaccine are being warned of the dangers of turning down the jab.

Since the beginning of the outbreak in April, last year, there have been 22 confirmed swine flu-related deaths in the South East and 1,529 hospital admissions.

But despite the number of cases dropping steadily across the UK, the NHS in Kent says people in the at-risk groups should not assume they are no longer in the line of fire.

Catherine Plowright – the county's acting critical care network manager – said:

"Having worked for years in intensive care I am used to working with very sick people."

"What has struck me as different with people suffering from swine flu is the length of time people are taking to improve and move out of intensive care."

The swine flu vaccination programme began last October, with the jab being given to those at greatest risk first.

Anybody in the at-risk groups who has not yet been vaccinated should contact their local GP for more information on when the vaccination clinics are.

'Too early' to judge success of high-speed line, says minister

RAILWAYS minister Chris Mole says it is too early to judge the benefits of the new high-speed train service in Kent.

A new timetable launched to coincide with the start of High Speed 1 in early December has been heavily criticised by commuters, who say the level of service on mainline trains is now worse than ever despite the promise of more choice and less overcrowding.

Many claim the Southeastern schedule has instead led to longer journey times to London, a reduction in trains to Victoria and Cannon Street, and more delays and cancellations.

However, Mr Mole told MPs at Westminster Hall on Wednesday last week that it can take

"some years" for a new market to reach its full potential.

He added: "That is not meant to imply the service is not being monitored rigorously, but it does mean that snap judgements will not be made about the success of the new services."

"Inevitably there have been changes to the timetable affecting other services, but it is early days to judge the final pattern of usage and satisfaction in Kent."

Mr Mole made his point at an adjournment debate secured by Thanet North Tory MP Roger Gale, who is supporting two petitions against the new schedule signed by more than 1,000 commuters.

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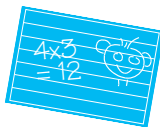
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Pupils brush up in eco-schools project

ALDINGTON primary school has been awarded Red Flag status as part of the Clean Kent accreditation.

The scheme is aligned to the Kent Eco-Schools project and rewards schools that show commitment to the cleanliness of their estate and local area with bronze-, silver- and red-flag status.

The children won the accolade for picking up litter in their school grounds.

With help from the local Kent County Council community warden, they also undertook a clean-up around the village.

Nick Chard, Kent County Council's cabinet member for environment highways and waste, said: "I am impressed that the children are not only keeping their school grounds clean but also their village for the benefit of others."

The school now hopes that the village will back a new scheme to introduce micro-generation energy sources to the school so they can reduce their carbon footprint.

To find out more about Clean Kent Schools and to register, visit www.cleankent.co.uk/primary/html, call 0845 345 0210 or email clean.kent@kent.gov.uk.



THUMBS UP: Youngsters get their Red Flag status



SHALL WE DANCE? The Academy Crew won third place in the regional heats of the Truskool competition, while Ben Triffit, right, was awarded the prize for best overall dancer



Dance crew get big break in heats of top competition

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

FOLKESTONE Academy students were bopping to the beat after they finished in the top three of a regional breakdance competition.

The 12 students have been practising after school for the last six months and won third place in the southern heats of the Truskool National BBOY Championship.

They have now been invited to battle some of the top school crews in the country at the national finals in London on Sunday, April 25.

Roxy Wilson, dance instructor at the academy, said: "I am so proud of the breakdance crew and their teacher Andrea Wood.

"They worked well as a team and performed

with great professionalism. It was good to see the kids doing something that they enjoy and be able to share their success."

Andrea Wood, head of dance at the school, said: "They are very much self-taught, but I work with them to perfect the showcase and help with choreography.

"The students were a credit to the academy and performed with amazing professionalism and energy.

"Roxy Wilson and I were so proud to see them working fantastically as a crew. The older members have really inspired the

younger members to work at their skills and become committed members of the crew.

"I am really looking forward to working with them in preparation for the national finals in London."

Academy student and crew-member Ben Triffit was also noted by judges throughout the day as being respectful, polite and helpful, a good team member and a great dancer.

Ben was awarded the prize of best overall dancer and crew member, out of 100 students.

The other academy students who took part were Ben Perez, Joeseeph Thompson, Joe Brazier, Sophie-Rose Brazil, Grant Hines, Callum Oakley, Emily Hill, Liam Giff, Ben Blackwell, Dexter Gondongwe and Ben Giff.

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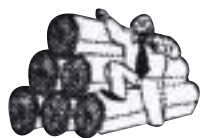


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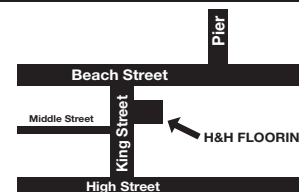


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YOUR LETTERS

Night-flying will be crucial for airport

Shepway councillors have just approved an airport that is only viable if it allows night-flying, which is why London Ashford Airport's draft terms and conditions for Lydd renege on promises made during the consultation phase.

When there is firing on Lydd ranges, large aircraft will be forced to land from the north-east, regardless of weather conditions.

For 30 per cent of the time this means landing with a difficult and destabilising tailwind.

By the airport's own admission, when this wind exceeds ten knots then such aircraft would have to divert to another aerodrome.

Due to the relatively short length of expanded runway available, they will be forced to divert at even lower wind strengths, especially when the runway is wet.

Meteorological statistics at the airport taken at 30-minute intervals over the last six months show that the tailwind would have exceeded ten knots for 12 per cent of the time, meaning one in ten aircraft would have had to divert (the ranges are open for 85 per cent of the year).

In February, one in six large planes would have been forced to divert – and at the time of writing the tailwind has been well in excess of ten knots on nine out of the last ten days.

What airline is going to adopt an airport with such a high diversion rate when it can base itself at Manston's Kent International in Thanet, which is already implementing its own expansion plan (and recently announced a new Flybe contract).

So how can Lydd airport be viable unless it operates after 11pm, when it is certain that the Army ranges are closed?

The airport is well aware of its daytime limitations, which is why its proposed terms include a cleverly-worded qualifying paragraph allowing it to request night flights if it feels this would not affect environmental impact.

As the airport has already argued that its operation won't degrade the environment, then it has, by this paragraph, just granted itself complete freedom to ask for night-flying whenever an opportunity arises.

Of course, the council has the final say on terms, but as such negotiations will now take place behind closed doors, we must urge Shepway council to stand resolute, delete this qualifying clause and ensure the restrictions on night-flying are robust.

We must also trust that a public inquiry will follow to prevent such a misguided venture ever materialising, given the dangers it presents set against employment that it can never deliver.

Trudy Auty
Lyminge

TALK TIME

JOANNA AMES

New chairwoman of Hythe Chamber of Commerce on developing a business, winning awards and beating recession



Tell us a little about yourself

I have two grown-up children, two grandchildren and another due in July. After 15 years running a coach-tour business, I am developing new interests. I am also vice-chair of Channel Chamber of Commerce.

Tell us about the aims of the chamber

Supporting businesses and shops by focusing on projects that make Hythe different; and promoting tourism, thereby increasing footfall. Hythe Guide, late-night shopping and summer entertainment – it's all done by the chamber.

What could be done to help the town?

The more we pull together, the stronger Hythe becomes. Retailers need to help themselves by coming together and joining the chamber.

What advice would you give to those wanting to start their own enterprise?

Be prepared to put the hours in and commit, because if you don't, customers will find someone who will.

LAAG information was fatally flawed

In response to Louise Barton's letter stating that she hoped the Lydd airport planning application would be overturned in a public inquiry, I would like to state that Shepway council made a decision based on all the facts presented to it over the past four years.

All councillors voiced their opinions, taking into consideration not only the public in their immediate area but also the whole economic future of Shepway.

On the night both sides employed experts to help verify their case.

In the case of Lydd Airport Action Group (LAAG), its expert on wildlife had no previous experience in working airports, which in my view does not make him an expert.

A lot of LAAG's information was flawed, so they only have themselves to blame for a poor defence of their point of view.

However, Lydd airport employed someone who had better experience, having previously worked with organisations such as the Civil Aviation Authority and many other airports.

The airport has made every effort to be open and fair about the way it conducts its business. It does not employ scare tactics, unlike LAAG – we have all seen their posters of planes which would be unable to land at Lydd being shown flying into the power station.

I remember in the 1970s all the protests at Dungeness about the building of the B power station



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from the likes of CND – we now not only accept the power plant but are for a C station.

In the 1960s and 70s, Lydd was one of the busiest airports in the country – locals took no notice of the noisy Bristol Freighters.

The decision has been made in a legal, democratic way, with Shepway taking specific legal advice all through the procedure.

Instead of fighting the airport and risk us taxpayers picking up the bill in legal action, which could bankrupt Shepway, I think it would be far wiser for opposing groups to work with the airport in the same way that the power stations did in the 1960s and 70s to build a good local partnership.

In closing, I helped conduct an online survey of local people (via Romney Marsh FM) in which 6,474 people voted, of whom 4,661 voted in favour of the airport. So local people had their say.

I note that Ms Barton does not even live on the Marsh full-time and only uses the area for a holiday home. As for LibDem councillor Lynne Beaumont claiming the area needs tourism, then the answer is yes, we do, but who will pay for it?

I cannot see anyone else trying to put £50 million into developing jobs on the Marsh.

David Wimble
by email

Gushing praise for WaterAid donors

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the customers

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Sue Past
WaterAid committee

Barracks site would be ideal for hospital

Hospital or not: this is the real question – yet 'No' looks closer than 'Yes'.

Buckland has never a problem but for the NHS and Labour. But this is what one gets when one sets up quangos. So the MPs support the campaign, yet we see them doing little about the problems.

Coombe Valley bridge has been resident as long as Buckland, but then no real problem.

Full marks to Reg Hansell for raising it as we have been promised a new hospital... sorry, polyclinic.

Whitfield has merit, but for one thing: distance and ease of access.

Connaught Barracks, on the other hand, has everything, including easy and fast access.

Plus there are considerable additional benefits available, not least in fresh air, great views, recreational and educational prospects, plus the fact that building could have started long ago.

In fact an ambulance could get from Sandwich to Dover faster than it can to Margate. Along with the fact that I mentioned this to Dover District Council's leader when the barracks first became available, among other projects.

But then most locals are ignored by the district and county councils anyway – our schools, Asda and others prove this. Not forgetting that Dover as the gateway to England – an international port – deserves a fully-equipped (possibly university) hospital.

Count the numbers at Ashford, Canterbury and Margate and any sane person can see why.

Here's to hope.

Derek R Packham
Deal

Time you gave the whingeing a rest

Dover people, stop whingeing, you useless, whining, snivelling bunch.

You're getting the hospital you've been griping about for so long and now you're all moaning about where it's going to be built.

You lot really are pathetic. Get a life and look forward to your new hospital – there are plenty of other things for you to moan about (just for a change).

'Amused'
Folkestone

More roads are the answer for country

This government is already devoting the lion's share of the transport budget to less than ten per cent of the need.

Proposals to spend a further £30 billion on one high-speed rail line simply entrenches this distortion in transport priorities which threatens our long-term economic future, environmental performance and the safety of the travelling public.

All the celebrated European high-speed rail networks run alongside strategic road networks which are typically twice as good as the UK's.

If the Government has £30bn available to spend on transport, the best route to financial recovery and sustained growth would be to put this into the transport mode that moves 92 per cent of passengers and 87 per cent of freight – the road network.

Tim Green
Road Users' Alliance

Hospitals could face strike action

A UNION is threatening strike action by some staff at three of the county's main hospitals over pay rates and employment conditions.

Results of the consultative ballot at GMB union are expected in two weeks and means that porters, cleaners and catering staff may stage a walk-out.

Hospitals that could be hit are the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford, the Queen Elizabeth Queen Mother Hospital in Margate and the Kent and Canterbury Hospital in Canterbury.

If a strike is agreed, the union claims that about 650 members of staff will not turn up for work and hospitals will be forced to close parts of their buildings.

Inconvenience

But a spokesman from the East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust said the number of strikers would be lower as many ancillary workers do not belong to the union.

"A strike may cause inconvenience to other staff, but it would have no effect on patients," he said.

The union is balloting over the 2006 Agenda For Change agreement, which looks to improve national pay rates and terms and conditions of employment, including holiday entitlement and pay for unsocial hours.

But GMB's Mr Macklin said the union was unhappy with the savings targets and offer and had taken a consultative ballot of its members – mostly porter staff at Kent and Canterbury Hospital – to see if they want to strike.

He said: "The trust was awarded Foundation status over a year ago, but has yet to implement the national agreement in full and to pay the back-pay."

Measures to stop vulnerable being victims

SOCIAL-services chiefs say that protection of vulnerable adults is a top priority.

The pledge comes in the wake of high-profile investigations into the deaths of mother Fiona Pilkington and her daughter and vulnerable Manchester man David Askew.

Desperate Fiona, 38, killed herself and her disabled daughter Francecca Hardwick, 18, in Leicestershire in 2007 after authorities ignored her cries for help following years of abuse by gangs of thugs.

David, 64, who had a mental age of just ten, was "tormented to death" by youths. They had harassed him for more than a decade.

Officials at Kent County Council – named as one of the top three local authorities in the country for its safeguarding procedures – are determined the same will never happen here.

A conference at Kent Police headquarters involving KCC, the NHS and a number of independent agencies looked at a selection of programmes currently being undertaken to strengthen measures to protect vulnerable adults.

■ BY MARIJKE COX

Graham Gibbens, cabinet member for adult social care, said: "All councils in the UK were made to analyse what they were doing to ensure procedures were in place to tackle the issue."

"But we were already working on this. For KCC and Medway Council, this has been a key priority for many years."

"Abuse can come in many different forms, for example financial – it doesn't necessarily have to be physical abuse. We're working hard to show that it is not tolerated here."

He added that where child abuse could often be detected by schools and health-workers, for vulnerable adults it is not always so easy.

"Abuse is not just in a residential home or a day centre. It could be at work, college or at hospital – abuse can happen in any setting," he said.

Oliver Mills, managing director of adult social services and chairman of the Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults Board for Kent and Medway, said raising awareness was key.



TRAGIC: Fiona Pilkington, who killed herself and her daughter, inset, after years of abuse by gangs of teens

"Kent and Medway have had effective safeguarding in place for some time, but we must always continue to review this and see how we can improve," he said.

"We have a set of procedures in place and we work with different agencies, such as the police, the NHS and lots of independent organisations, to ensure vulnerable adults are protected."

"If we do learn that someone is being abused, for example financially or sexually, then an investigation is launched and this can sometimes lead to prosecution."

Mr Mills agreed with Cllr Gibbens that it was often harder to detect abuse with adults than with children but said a third of vulnerable people were receiving social-care services – making it easier to identify.



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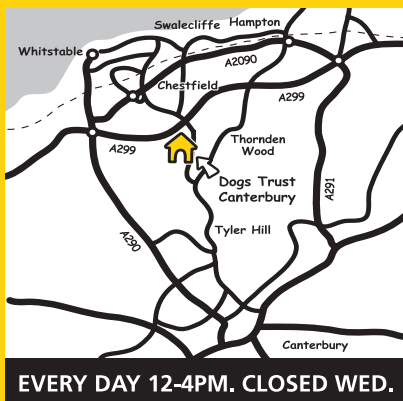
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Even if you don't like dogs, the latest legislation proposals to control their owners should worry you



We should all paws for thought over ever-more ridiculous laws

PLANS were announced last week for compulsory insurance of your dog in case it bites someone and, probably, micro-chipping.

That's about £600 a year under Government plans to review the Dangerous Dogs Act.

It comes hot on the heels of a proposal to charge £60 for a competence test before you can even own a dog anyway. And that is an excellent example of more useless state interference.

Do not let it go ahead – it won't change anything. The responsible remain responsible – the scumbags will always be scumbags.

It's simply a case of another state curtailment on our civil liberties for no good reason at all.

Once again we have a knee-jerk reaction by MPs – who I believe have too little to do of any consequence since Europe makes the big decisions – following an isolated incident involving a sink estate toerag and his devil dog.

Twenty years ago the poorly thought out Dangerous Dogs Act was rushed through in the same way. Like the Foxhunting Ban, if this

latest test over competence becomes law, who is going to ensure people obey it?

It may be an excuse I suppose for another round of made-up-jobs with councils (Dog Licence Enforcement Officers wanted, £25,000 a year, recruitment section, The Guardian), but surely it is time people made a stand.

Dogs are often unpredictable and there are undoubtedly some vicious mutts that should never be allowed out of a cage.

I do not own a dog nor do I have any wish to do so, however if you do, then that's fine by me.

I don't care whether it's for companionship or because a dog is the only thing that shows you love, or simply that you were conned by your kids and now you have to take it walking in the rain – if you want a dog, get on with it.

So long as you ensure it does not inconvenience me, then you, like everybody else, should be free to do as you wish. And that should apply to so many things in Britain: live and let live. But our freedoms are eroded at every turn.

I genuinely want our Government to ensure that enough time and money is spent minimising the risk of foreigners carrying out terrorist

atrocities in the name of their god. But there should be no place in this once genuinely free country of ours for busybodies and the self-righteous to impose their view of right and wrong to everyday life with stupid laws and regulations.

I write this a little smugly, since I warned dog owners a few years ago they were set to be the next social group to be picked on and marginalised after smokers had been crushed.

That's done now, so it's you dog owners.

The anger over dog fouling fills letters pages and see the response to this blog on our website... people don't care about being bitten, they just want to avoid dog poop on their trainers.

So, now the smoker has been all but eliminated from society, the politicians were on the look-out for minority targets they despise – and dog owners are on the list, alongside the overweight, as an easy group to be picked on and bullied.

So, even if you hate dogs, despise foxhunters, and shun smokers, do not think that if you let the latest ridiculous proposal become law that you are striking a blow for an improved quality of life for yourself. It's only a matter of time before a new law is aimed squarely at you.

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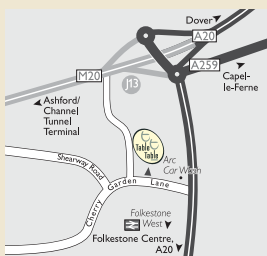
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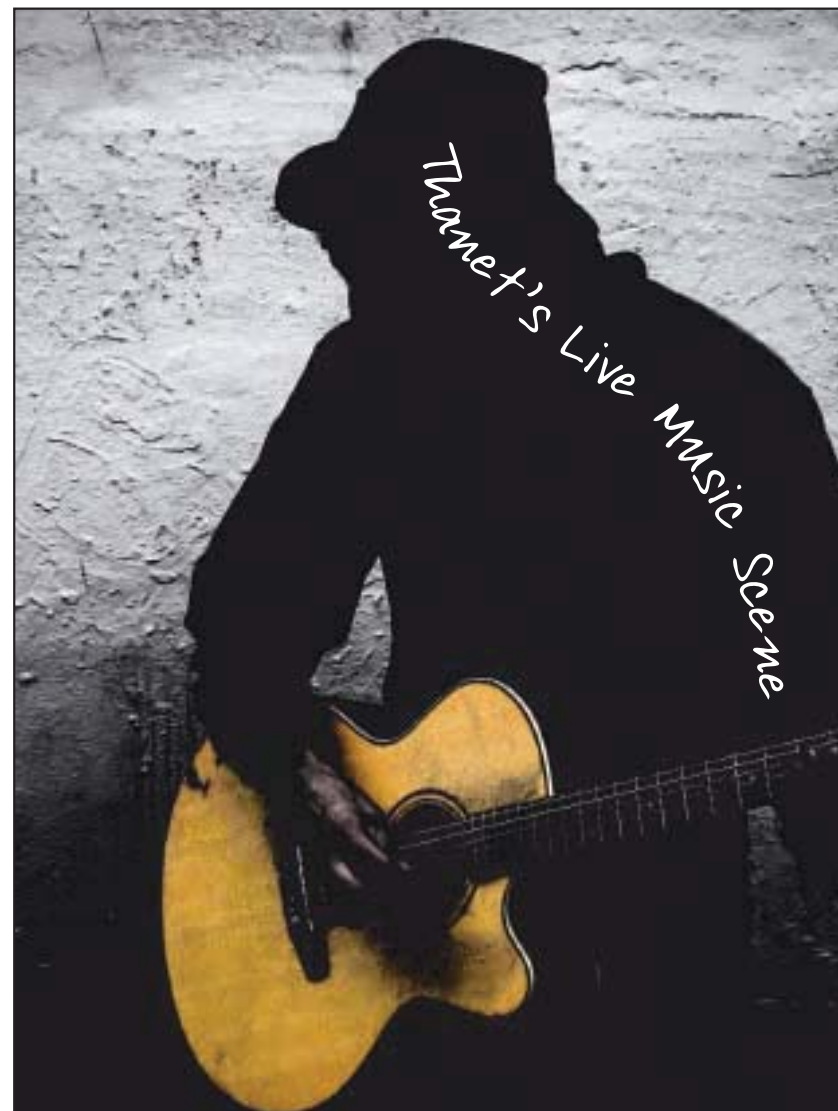
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Damon's latest action hero faces a crisis of conscience in Iraq

■ BY DAMON SMITH

WHEN American and British forces withdraw completely from Iraq – a military strategy which seems unthinkable seven years into the campaign – the lasting legacy won't be peace and democracy.

It will be a deep-rooted suspicion that the infamous weapons of mass destruction (WMDs), the supposed justification for the invasion, never existed.

The recent Iraq inquiry, chaired by Sir John Chilcot, provided no firm answers.

Award-winning British filmmaker Paul Greengrass and actor Matt Damon, the driving forces behind *The Bourne Supremacy* and *The Bourne Ultimatum*, offer one scenario in this riveting thriller set.

blitzkrieg

Based on the book *Imperial Life In The Emerald City: Inside Iraq's Green Zone* by journalist Rajiv Chandrasekaran, *Green Zone* is a breathless two hours of adrenaline-pumping action and political manoeuvring that places as much emphasis on emotionally-charged dialogue as the set pieces.

The film opens with a deafening bang on March 19, 2003 in Baghdad as Saddam Hussein's trusted general, Al Rawi (Naor), flees his headquarters in the midst of an Allied blitzkrieg.

Four weeks later, US Army warrant officer Roy Miller (Damon) and his team careen through the war-torn capital on the hunt for WMDs. Yet again, they draw a blank and Miller voices his frustrations, suspecting bogus intelligence.

A tip-off from a disgruntled local, Freddy (Abdalla), leads Miller and his crew to a meeting of Saddam's high-ranking advisors, including Al Rawi.

The general escapes, but another man is



PASSIONATE: Matt Damon as Roy Miller, a soldier with a conscience in *Green Zone*

apprehended and Miller uses Freddy as a translator to interrogate the suspect about a notebook in his possession.

"He says the book has names and locations of El Rawi's safe houses," reveals Freddy.

Returning to base, Miller bypasses scheming Pentagon official Clark Poundstone (Kinnear) and his minion Major Briggs (Isaacs), and delivers the book to local CIA chief Gordon Brown (Gleeson), who asks for discretion.

"I thought we were all on the same side," replies Miller. "Don't be naive," mocks Brown.

Green Zone is distinguished by Greengrass's tour-de-force direction, galloping through the streets of Baghdad with handheld cameras so we remain uncomfortably close to Miller as he risks his life for a country he was entrusted to tear apart.

There is no better director of action sequences and we really feel like we are ducking for cover from enemy fire as pyrotechnic mayhem erupts around the cast.

Damon delivers a passionate performance as a soldier with a conscience, who doesn't

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understand the full extent of the conspiracy.

Kinnear and Gleeson relish their roles as duplicitous political pawns, and Abdalla curries sympathy as the Iraqi interloper, enraged by the arrogance of his so-called American saviours.

"It's not for you to decide what happens here," Freddy tells Miller.

We are certain his words will fall on deaf ears, because the West knows best. Doesn't it?

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UNCOVERED: No surprises in Andrew Rawnsley's programme on Cameron



YOUR TV REVIEW

DISPATCHES – CAMERON UNCOVERED: Channel 4, Monday, March 8

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

POLITICAL journalist Andrew Rawnsley has been making waves in Westminster recently with his apparent outing of the Prime Minister as a bully.

No sooner had his latest 800-page tome been released than he was on every peak-time news and discussion programme debating the various claims and counterclaims made for and against his findings.

Therefore it seemed canny and timely that he was recruited by Channel 4's *Dispatches* team (or was it the other way round?) to front their programme on Britain's would-be leader, weeks before a General Election.

A nifty name such as *Cameron Uncovered* promised to give us a fresh insight into someone who we already see on our screens and read about every day of the week.

But what lured me in was the sight

of a Sunday newspaper headline which revealed the show's juiciest content.

Namely, that the Tory leader's wife Samantha may well have voted for Labour in the past and might not even place a tick next to her husband's own party come May.

In the end, the extraordinary claim by shadow arts spokesman Ed Vaizey passed by almost without notice.

What stuck in the mind was his awkward phrasing when referring to Cameron, saying: "Until you've got a chicken in place who understands the modernising agenda, you're not going to lay the modernising egg."

Rawnsley didn't challenge him on which came first, but more interviews followed with Chancellor-in-waiting

and long-time friend George Osborne, who dismissed comparisons of their relationship with the embittered one of Blair and Brown.

Several references were made to Cameron's own background in marketing and PR, although one of New Labour's own architects Peter Mandelson came out on the attack, bringing up the former's membership of the notorious Bullingdon Club.

Then the scene quickly cut to shadow education spokesman Michael Gove, who said Mandelson was a Communist Party member in his student days and had travelled to Cuba to hear Che Guevara speak.

All of which took place with Rawnsley in the hot seat, inviting audience members to draw their own conclusions and hoping his own contribution will bring itself to bear come polling day.

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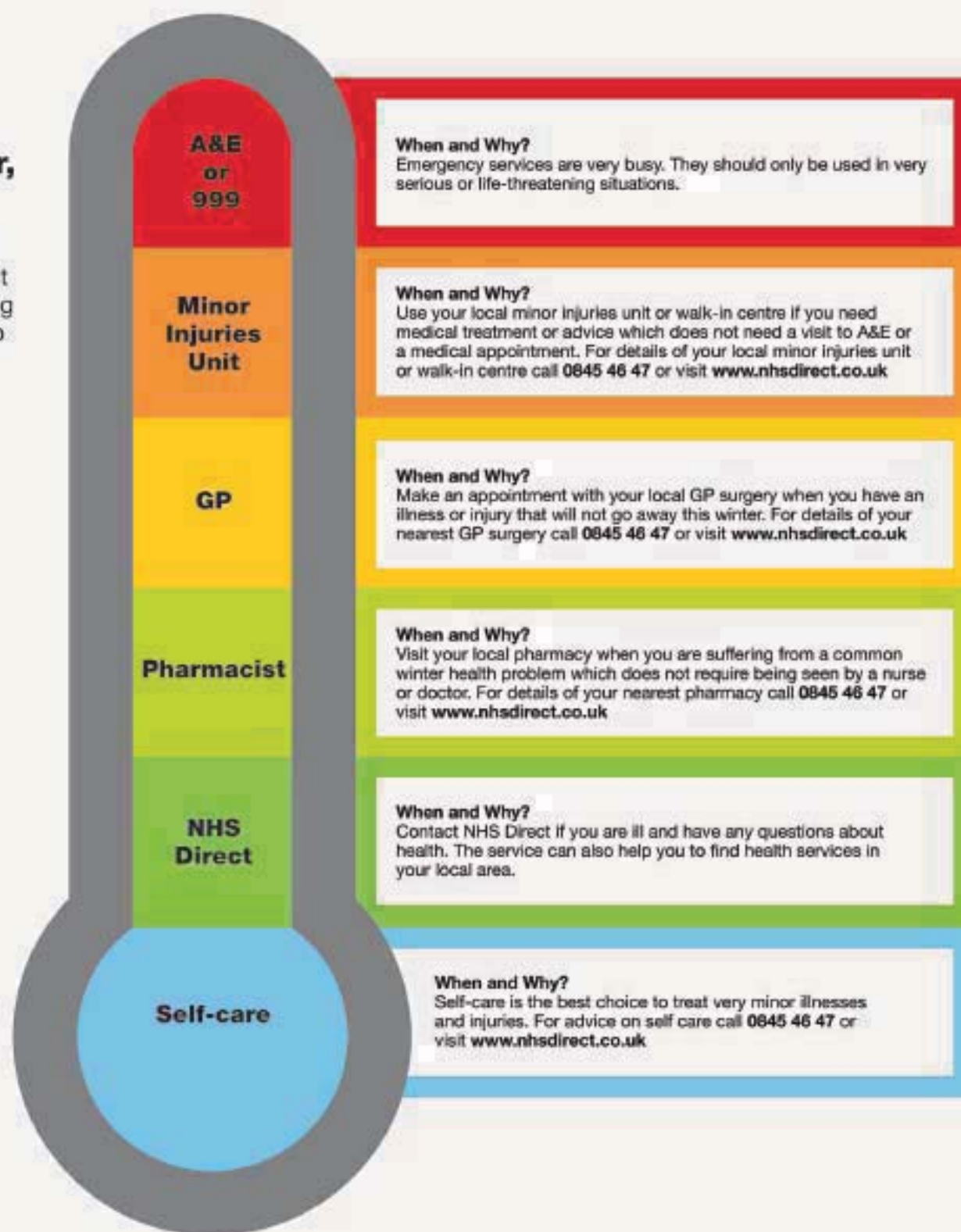
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Concert closes festival

THANET Music and Drama Festival continues with more entertaining events.

The speech and drama section can be seen at the Broadstairs Pavilion until Friday, before the festival closes with the gala concert and prize-giving at the Memorial Theatre in Broadstairs on Friday, March 26. For details call 01843 600059, email ljmyhill@live.co.uk or visit www.thanetfestival.org.uk.

Pupils' art in exhibition

PROJECTS made by children from Herne Bay Infants School can be admired in a dynamic exhibition.

Get Set for 2012 can be seen at the Bay Art Gallery in William Street, Herne Bay, until Friday. The gallery is open from 10am to 4pm and admission is free. For more information call 01227 372266 or visit www.bayartgallery.co.uk.

Singing with passion

CANTERBURY Choral Society will perform Bach's St Matthew Passion at the city's cathedral on Saturday.

The soloists will be Charles Daniels, Michael Pearce, Mary Bevan, Ben Bevan, David Allsop and Andrew Dickinson. The concert starts at 7pm and tickets are priced from £8 to £25.

Book online at www.newmarlowetheatre.org.uk or by calling 01227 787787.

Play is a real conquest

A CLASSIC tale of man's desire to be first is played out in Top of the World.

Spike Theatre's dramatic fiction, based on Edmund Hillary's conquest of Mount Everest, can be seen at Rolvenden Village Hall at 8pm on Saturday.

Priced at £8/£6 or £20 for families, tickets are available from Rolvenden Post Office or by calling 07874 214916.

Slide guitar star in city

ACCLAIMED slide guitarist Phillip Henry will be visiting the Orange Street Music Club in Canterbury tomorrow.

Henry will be supported by John Forrester and Andy Ward-Webb.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £5 from the club on 01227 760801 or from the Canterbury indoor market record stall on 01227 470328.

Tough choice for singer

AN OPERA singer must make terrible choices to survive the 1906 San Francisco earthquake in a stage show.

Caruso and the Quake is at the Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs, at 7.30pm on Saturday. Tickets cost £10 for Sarah Thorne Theatre Club members and £12 for non-members, who must book on 0845 262 6263 or emailing info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.

Musical on silver screen

SING along to the hit film Moulin Rouge at the Vue Cinema at Westwood Cross on Monday.

There will be entertainment from Top Hat & Cane dance school and there will also be a fancy dress competition.

Moulin Rouge (cert 15) starts at 8pm and tickets cost £5. To book call 08712 240240 or visit www.myvue.com.



Shooting star's chance to shine

ANGELOS EPITHEMIU

Wednesday, March 17
Orange Street Music Club, Canterbury



A TRUE Shooting Star visits Canterbury tonight for an evening of rib-tickling comedy.

The headline act of this week's regular comedy night will be Angelos Epithemiou, now a familiar face on Reeves and Mortimer's surreal BBC panel show, Shooting Stars.

After being hand-picked from the club circuit last year, Epithemiou is now a household name and a popular panellist on the highly successful show.

Dan Renton Skinner's comic creation is a down-at-heel owner of a roadside cafe whose deadpan delivery has audiences in stitches. Sometimes billed as 'anti-comedy', Skinner's aloof and bemused style has won countless fans because he acts as the perfect foil to Reeves and Mortimer's often frantic comedy.

Epithemiou arrived on Shooting Stars for the first time, with his ever-present carrier bag in hand, after Mortimer spotted him in a comedy club last year. He immediately saw the potential in this bespectacled character with greasy hair and dubious taste in anoraks.

Since then, his appearances on Shooting Stars have been a huge success, making him one of the most in-demand stand-ups in the country.

Angelos Epithemiou – pictured with his Shooting Stars co-stars – is not Skinner's first or only comic creation, as the comedian has appeared in many other stage shows, television series and even films. As a member of the Dutch Elm Conservatoire, he honed the craft of sketches and has appeared in the stage productions Mr Winchester, the Benders and the Warp.

Television appearances include sitcoms such as My Family, The Office Christmas specials and Coupling, along with sketch shows like the Katy Brand Show, Armstrong & Miller and Headcases. Other appearances include Mike Bassett: Manager; The Only Boy For Me, Swag, Haunted London, Seven Second Delay, Home Time, Victorian Empire and Pinky & Perky.

Comedy fans should not miss this chance to see Skinner perform as the bemused Epithemiou in a relatively intimate venue, as he is sure to go on and become a big star.

Shooting Stars was first broadcast in 1993 and made a triumphant return to television screens last year after an absence of several years. With its madcap hosts and bizarre challenges, the show soon became renowned for

showing established celebrities in a slightly different light. Television presenter Mark Lamarr and high-brow novelist Will Self both reached new audiences with their roles as the deadpan team captains, while Ulrika Jonsson has been a permanent fixture as a team captain from the beginning of the show.

Vic Reeves – whose real name is Jim Moir – has been highlighting his artistic prowess in recent years, but he first rose to fame as a highly individual comedian. The former pig farmer and factory inspector landed his own television show, Vic Reeves' Big Night Out, and joined forces with former solicitor Bob Mortimer, creating a partnership that would still be going strong more than 20 years later.

They went on to achieve hit singles with cover versions of Dizzy and I'm A Believer, while giving their own unique take on the sketch show format with The Smell of Reeves and Mortimer. Major mainstream success came with Shooting Stars, co-starring Matt Lucas of Little Britain fame, who appeared as score-keeper George Dawes long before his own sketch show made him a star.

Angelos Epithemiou can be seen at Orange Street Music Club at 8.30pm. Tickets cost £6 and can be booked by calling the club on 01227 760801 or visiting the website at www.orangestreetmusic.com.





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BJORN AGAIN

Saturday, March 20, Winter Gardens, Margate



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Rod Stephen's tour gives fans the chance to hear all their favourite Abba songs performed live, including hits from Mamma Mia. The voice of legendary DJ Tony Blackburn can also be heard introducing the hits of 1988, the year in which Björn Again was formed.

Stephen is a musician and director from Australia who decided to leave his previous career in metallurgical research to create a show that captured

the best of 1970s music and fashion. Abba were the perfect inspiration for this show which is considered a satirical parody, rather than a tribute.

Featuring the hits that made Abba famous all over the world, it is a true feel-good experience that has audiences dancing in the aisles and reliving the glory days of this 70s super group. So put on your flares and platforms for an evening of fantastic pop.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £17.50/£16.50. Book online at www.margatewintergardens.co.uk or call the box office on 01843 292795/296111.



TRIVIUM

Monday, March 22, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



GET ready to head Into the Mouth of Hell when Trivium returns to Folkestone next week. When the American heavy metal band played headline tours in the UK back in 2005 and 2006, they received a warm welcome from music fans in this country. They resolved to return and have finally made good on their promise, visiting the Leas Cliff Hall as part of the 16-date Into the Mouth of Hell Tour.

Guests are to be confirmed, but fans can definitely look forward to an evening of fantastic rock as

Trivium reminds them why the band was such a hit last time.

"The UK was the first place in the world to truly embrace Trivium and make us feel like we had a home away from home on stage," said singer-guitarist Matthew Heafy.

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Doors open at 7pm and tickets cost £16.50. To book call the box office on 0844 847 1776 or visit www.leascliffhall.org.uk.

TOM LEWIS

Friday, March 9, White Lion Hotel, Tenterden



SONGS of the sea are performed by one of the folk world's best entertainers when Tom Lewis returns to Tenterden.

With more than 40 years' experience, Lewis is now a highly acclaimed exponent of nautical songs. Although he emigrated to the mountains of British Columbia in 1983, Lewis has his roots in the UK's folk tradition.

Born in Belfast, he moved with his family to Gloucester as a child and joined the Royal Navy as an engineering apprentice at 16. His interest in folk music and sea songs was sparked by his discovery of various folk singers while based in Scotland and they continued to have a strong influence on him.

Having established himself as a popular folk circuit entertainer while still in the Navy, he moved to Canada upon finishing his service and set out on the road with his wife Lyn. Twenty years on, he is still delighting listeners all over the world.

The Tenterden Folk Club concert will be held in The Saddlery at 8pm and tickets cost £6 in advance or £7 on the door. To book call 01233 626805 or email info@tenterdenfolkfestival.org.uk.



MAMER

Wednesday, March 24, Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



INSPIRED by the wilds of China's Xinjiang province, Mamer's haunting music blends tradition with Western influences.

Hailed as one of China's most original and influential young artists, Mamer brings the past and future together in his highly-acclaimed music. His songs of the grassland have their roots firmly in traditional Kazakh folk song and dombra music, yet he also infuses them with elements of Western folk, rock and virtuoso performances on a number of instruments.

Now a cult figure on Beijing's underground scene, Mamer grew up in the strong musical tradition of Kazakh nomadic culture, yet developed a love of bands like The Doors, Yes and Pink Floyd. With his debut album, Eagle, he confirms his position as 'the father of Chinagrass' – honest, simple music that honours its roots and continues to evolve.

Using traditional instruments and lyrical, ambient sounds, Mamer breathes life into ancient tunes.

The concert starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £10 or £5 for the first 200 Encore! Gulbenkian members. To book call 01227 769075 or visit www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.



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With two actors playing a variety of diverse characters, the play offers suspense, adventure and tongue-in-cheek humour. Set just before the outbreak of the First World War, the show sees two young men set out on a yachting expedition that turns into a dangerous spying mission.

The show can be seen at Temple Ewell Village Hall on Thursday; St Nicholas Church in New Romney on Friday; the Ellen Terry Barn Theatre at Smalhythe Place in Tenterden on Thursday, March 25 to Saturday, March 27 and the Theatre Royal Margate on Sunday, March 28.

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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 8 Above average form for the rich (4-5)
 9 Get off the mark (5)
 10 I incited a bent authority on food (9)
 11 Is it let off by cook? (5)
 12 Passing on one's duty (11,3)
 15 An Oriental goes west again (4)
 17 Many a leg used in ascent (5)
 19 Society yesterday not concerned initially with agreement in time (4)
 21 Business done at agricultural plant? (7,7)
 23 Quick hit I had (5)
 24 Free of charge! (9)
 26 This river goes in opposite directions from time to time (5)
 27 Prospector's infectious disease? (9)

DOWN

- 1 Much reduced wear often seen at the pool (6)
 2 Large number that had not started to exhibit programme (4,4)
 3 Thrilling type of storm? (8)
 4 Some quasi-autonomous area! (4)
 5 Cases I dealt with after January 1st for the lady (7)
 6 Picture party set out (8)
 7 Previously unknown country state (3,6)
 13 Unusually fit, he is one who takes by stealth (5)
 14 50% of a lie (4-5)
 16 Eased cap off during prank (8)
 18 Purplish-red wine (8)
 19 Knocked over by a cheese? (8)
 20 Boat, drifter to start in choppy lagoon (7)
 22 Man's hot spring, say (6)
 25 Bobby put ring in cage (4)

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 8 Balance (9)
 9 Pedro (anag.) (5)
 10 Vaporise (9)
 11 Meaning (5)
 12 Reconsideration (6,8)
 15 Untie (4)
 17 Wedding gift (5)
 19 Spoken (4)
 21 Sea change (14)
 23 Goblin (5)
 24 Art form (9)
 26 Pepper and salt (5)
 27 Unlimited (4-5)

DOWN

- 1 Part of the trunk (6)
 2 Cold soup (8)
 3 Not having been pressed (8)
 4 Adjacent (4)
 5 Offhand (7)
 6 Weigh heavy object (2-6)
 7 Unfavourably (9)
 13 Wrote (anag.) (5)
 14 Very short time (4,1,4)
 16 Discussion (8)
 18 Lasting twelve months (8)
 19 Leaving out (8)
 20 Quarantine (7)
 22 Cared for (6)
 25 Pace (anag.) (4)

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AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

IT'S time to take a leap of faith. Even an ultra logical person like you needs to follow their heart from time to time. If you've wanted to change your look, now is the time to do so. Go ahead and spend a little extra money on new clothes, a different hairstyle, or a personal trainer.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

A ROMANTIC or business partner needs your help. Although their proposal is risky, it's also exciting. You're prepared to do whatever you can to get the ball rolling. Use every ounce of charm to convince an authority figure to give your friend a break.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

A CREATIVE project has come to fruition. Get ready to take a bow. The success of this endeavour will result in a new opportunity. At first, you won't be sure if you're up to the job, but after the first few tries you'll develop a taste for this work. Be patient.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

THE time has come to sign a legal paper or make an agreement. Fortunately, the stars look favourably on this alliance. It looks as if you'll acquire a creative partner in the mix. Set time aside in your schedule for a youngster's performance or recital.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOU'RE tired of smiling politely while a romantic or business partner steals your thunder. Over the past two weeks, you've had several impressive successes. Now it's time to make sure everyone knows about them. Fortunately, your work will be rewarded accordingly.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

A GROUP effort finally comes to a successful conclusion, much to your relief. For a while there, you wondered if any of you were going to survive. Good news from a counsellor or spiritual advisor is music to your ears. Now you're able to put plans for a child into motion.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

IT'S time to settle an obligation, whether it's repaying a loan or keeping an old promise. Do a kind deed anonymously. Serving as someone's secret benefactor puts a spring in your step. The more generous you are, the easier it will be to attract good fortune.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

IMPROVING your work conditions will make you more productive and happy. Lately, you've started to dread your job. You can't let this state of affairs continue. Fortunately, a visionary authority figure will give you the green light to rearrange the office space.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753



CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOUR family has reached an exciting turning point. A youngster is old enough to assume some big responsibilities, enabling you to turn your attention to work you abandoned years ago. It makes you so proud to see everybody developing so nicely. Most of the credit is due to you.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOU'LL finally receive payment for a job you performed some time ago. Take this opportunity to treat yourself to a luxurious item that has been tempting for months. As a general rule, you're not very materialistic. Go ahead and splurge. A dream job will fall into your lap.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

A DEEP, dark secret comes to light, enabling you to see a relative's true motives. It turns out your family member had your best interests at heart, after all. Embarking on a romance could be in the cards. It looks as if a talented artist has taken a shine to you.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

AT LONG last, you're getting the attention and acclaim you desire. A job you've been craving will suddenly become available. This time around, you'll be given the top spot. Getting paid to exercise your creative vision will feel like heaven on earth.

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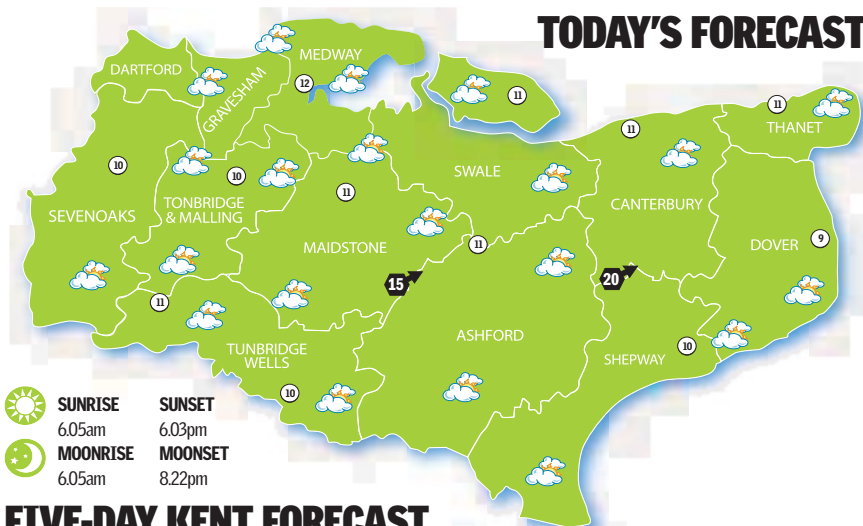


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ENCHANTING: Rude Mechanical Theatre's production of the Brothers Grimm's *The Musicians of Bremen*

Theatre group brings Grimm folk tales to life

FAIRYTALES by the Brothers Grimm are played out with charm and flair in *The Musicians of Bremen*.

On Sunday the Rude Mechanical Theatre Company will be giving a performance of their acclaimed family show at Astley Hall in Maidstone, the headquarters of Kent Music.

Suitable for children aged from three to nine and their families, this enchanting production is now on tour for a second year due to huge public demand.

When old donkey Bruno decides to run away, he is joined by a motley crew of friends with their own problems. Alberta the fox hound is scared of foxes, while the cat Cornelia is frightened of mice. Along with the noisy and magnificent rooster Fritz, the group decide to form a jazz band and become known as the Musicians of Bremen.

The show follows their adventures as they come across a posse of robbers and an abandoned baby, while learning about friendship, loyalty, courage, ambition, growing old and triumph over adversity.

The performance starts at 2.30pm and tickets cost £6/£4 or £16 for families of four. To book call 01622 358439 or visit www.rudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk.

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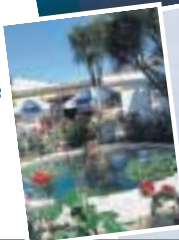
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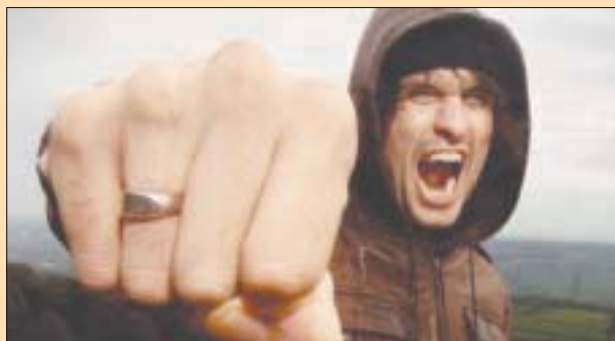
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yourmusic

Festival season is on its way!



HEADLINE ACT: Reverend and the Makers have been confirmed at Sellindge Festival

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

LIVE music fans arise from your snow-induced slumber.

The arctic conditions have subsided and the balmy days of spring and summer are within touching distance.

And with the sunshine comes a plethora of now established and much-loved music festivals.

These include the family-focused Lounge on the Farm (Canterbury), Hop Farm Festival (conveniently situated at the Hop Farm, Paddock Wood) and the Sellindge Festival (near Ashford).

Dates aside, details are still sketchy to say the least, with festival organisers working around the clock to fill their line-ups with the best of Kent's up-and-coming acts, chart toppers as well as the odd genuine legend.

Sellindge Festival bosses have confirmed a number of top bands on their website, with the cream of the crop coming in the form of Reverend and The Makers.

The Sheffield-based outfit, famed for singles such as Heavyweight Champion of the World, He Said He Loved Me and Open Your Window, will take a top slot of the main stage line up.

They will be joined by the Grand Master of Reggae himself, the legendary Lee 'Scratch' Perry, who has been inspiring artists across the globe since he first shook up the industry in 1954.

Other confirmed performers include Jonny Foreigner, The Foxes, Laura Vane, Heels Catch Fire and The Gin Riots.

There's plenty on offer at the festival's four other stages, which include WoFo (world and folk), dance and BBC Introducing.

Sellindge is the first of Kent's major festivals and will be followed by Lounge on the Farm and the Hop Farm weekenders.

LOTF, held at Merton Farm, Canterbury, has earned a reputation as the county's best-loved, family friendly event, putting substance before size.

Meanwhile, the Hop Farm team

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Singer songwriter Tom Norris performs Vienna from album Edge of the World



Girl duo Callista perform Kings of Leon's Use Somebody.



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4. Save Target AS - 6/4 Kent Uni Canterbury
5. Craig Sheridan - 10/4 The Alma Deal

can claim to be the biggest bookers, with the organisers behind last year's weekender enticing musical giants such as Ash, Paul Weller, Dover and Super Furry Animals.

For all the latest festival news as and when it is released visit www.kentnews.co.uk

FESTIVAL DATES

Sellindge - Friday, June 11 to Sunday, 13
Hop Farm - from Saturday, July 3
Lounge on the Farm - Friday, July 9 to Sunday, 11



WORTH A VISIT: The National Trust property Ickworth House, Horringer, and below, St Edmundsbury Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds

yourgetaways

So much to see , just a short drive from home

■ BY PETER WOODMAN

STAYCATIONS – where people holiday in Britain to keep costs down – are all the rage at present, so we took ourselves off to Suffolk.

Our first stop was Newmarket, close to the racecourse which made this town world famous. We stayed at Bedford Lodge, an imposing hotel a short walk from the centre of town.

From the hotel we could see racehorses being led to the practice gallop areas.

In the town, there are numerous pubs and restaurants, as well as a national horse-racing museum, which traces the story of British racing from its Royal origins at Newmarket to the modern day. Visitors also have the chance to ride a racehorse simulator.

We drove to the nearby West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village and Country Park, where an old village from the period 420-650AD has been excavated and carefully reconstructed.

Our next stop was the historic market town of Bury St Edmunds. Our suite in The Angel Hotel looked over the town's main square to the splendid St Edmundsbury Cathedral.

Keen to keep St Edmund's memory alive, the locals built a great abbey to house the king's remains.

Thwarted in his attempt to make a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, one abbot – Anselm – instead built a church to St James next door to the abbey in the 12th century. This became St Edmundsbury Cathedral in 1914, and we walked down the nave which was built by Tudor architect John



Wastell, whose works include King's College in Cambridge.

Almost 50 years of work on the cathedral was completed in 2005, and has resulted in an imposing Millennium Tower, a complete rebuilding of the east end of the cathedral, and a new porch and cloisters.

It was only a short drive along the A143 from Bury to the sleepy village of Horringer for our final stop, and we thought we would try self-catering. That's how we ended up at The Old Piggery – a delightful converted cottage on the edge of the village.

Newly-renovated, this is a romantic base for couples with a beamed living area, luxury bathroom and splendid kitchen.

By now, the weather, which had been a bit patchy, had settled for hot sun and cloudless skies. Outside the cottage, bees invaded the lavender in a high-summer frenzy. We strolled through the village to The Beehive pub for a sumptuous meal.

Horringer is home to Ickworth House, home of the historic and eccentric Hervey family. Set in 1,500 acres of grounds, the house is a giant

Peter Woodman stayed at Bedford Lodge, Newmarket, where double rooms (B&B) start at £99 per night.

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In Bury St Edmunds, double rooms (B&B) at The Angel start at £90.

Reservations: 01284 714000 and www.theangel.co.uk.

Peter's stay at The Old Piggery was arranged by Best of Suffolk, which offers two-night breaks from £225, three nights from £285, a week from £495.

Reservations: 01728 638962 and www.bestofsuffolk.co.uk.

A three-course lunch at The Beehive Pub, Horringer starts at £20.

rotunda full of famous paintings, and has been under the care of the National Trust since 1956.

Bury St Edmunds is handily placed for a seaside trip to Aldeburgh, a jolly town where we enjoyed a chilly, but bracing walk along the seafront.

There are plenty of restaurants close to the sea in a resort that has not changed much since the great days of the UK bucket-and-spade holiday.

Close to the seafront is the Moot Hall – the town's old meeting place, which dates from the 16th century and now houses a museum.

We also made the time for a stroll around Framlingham, a delightful market town which could be the prettiest spot in Suffolk. You can walk the ramparts of a quirky 12th century castle, which was modernised by Tudors who felt the need to add high, twisting chimneys.

The landscape is worthy of Constable, the great artist whose work brought this splendid corner of England to a wider audience.

So, rather than jet off abroad, book yourself a staycation instead.

MOTORS NEWS



Alfa's MiTo gets fitter from taking in the air

IT'S been on sale in the UK for just a year or so, but Alfa Romeo has already tweaked its stylish answer to the BMW Mini.

Amongst several improvements, the MiTo sporting supermini now has a MultiAir powertrain option answering a conundrum solved by few carmakers: how to lower fuel consumption and emissions while boosting power.

For the Italian star, the answer lies in sophisticated metering of air in the combustion cycle, hence the labelling for the popular 1.4-litre turbocharged petrol engine series (from £15,165).



Sixth generation BMW Five is a top attraction

BMW's new 5-Series saloon, on sale later this month, is the most highly anticipated new car of 2010, according to a poll.

The German carmaker's latest model took 20 per cent of votes to beat off competition from the new Audi A8 (14 per cent) and Jaguar XJ (11) in a survey by ContractHireAndLeasing.com.

Always a hit on the contract hire market, the sixth generation model is tipped to do even better than before by borrowing interior features and luxury from the director-level BMW 7-Series.



New 'F' grade all set to boost Lexus IS appeal

WHAT'S in a letter? Lots when you sell cars into the status conscious compact executive sector.

BMW employs the letter 'M' to denote sportier 3-Series models, Audi uses 'RS' and 'S' to boost the A4 line-up and wannabe Japanese rival Lexus is turning to 'F' to drive the IS range.

It stunned rivals with the IS-F V8 model, but this is a rare 'halo car'. What the IS really needed is the new F-Sport grade (£28,290) with exclusive alloys, grille, bootlid spoiler and cabin highlights.



UTTERLY ROOF-LESS: Peugeot have made improvements to the 207CC, with a roof that raises in 25 seconds and a more unisex appeal, but it is still no sports car in terms of style

Peugeot 207CC upholds true crop top traditions

ROAD TEST PEUGEOT 207CC

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

There is a good spread of engines even if none packs much of a punch, and Peugeot has done a fine job making the 207CC feel rigid even in 'top down' mode – when the car looks best.

Despite a 2+2 layout, the rear seats will really only take children and are also horribly upright; should your tots fall asleep by some miracle, they will loll horribly as if dosed with alcopops to cut short any cries of "are we there yet?"

But the space is fine for shopping bags or luggage, especially when the roof is down and boot access slightly compromised.

Our 207CC test car was a highest spec GT model with the flagship diesel engine too and while this gives the car a lot of low down urge for pulling out of junctions and making progress on rural roads, it makes the Peugeot feel heavy. Having driven petrol models previously, I reckon they are the better bet here.

I also doubt whether a high specification is worth the money; you get alloys, air con and most other normal 'toys' on the Sport entry trim and trading up makes the 207CC look expensive against obvious rivals such as the Mini Convertible and Mitsubishi's Colt CZC.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

SMALLER 4x4s

IT'S not hard to see why compact 4x4 or sports utility vehicle (SUV) sales boomed ahead of the recession. By combining trendy off-road looks and high riding MPV versatility carmakers scored a double bull's-eye. Hi-tech diesels also allowed owners to buy image without paying wallet-busting fuel prices, but even small 4x4s are now seen as less socially and environmentally acceptable and used prices have fallen. However, one person's distress sale can be another's bargain buy – three of the best are featured here.

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HONDA CR-V



HONDA'S CR-V is one of the best compact SUVs, but sales of the smart first generation car were hamstrung by the lack of a diesel option. That changed with the more rugged Mark II (pictured) and continues through the current and more stylish model – one of the smoothest, quietest and most economical diesels in the sector. All CR-Vs have smart, durable and versatile cabins, plus Honda reliability and, latterly, a 'Made in Britain' tag from production at Honda Swindon.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

TOYOTA RAV



TOYOTA'S original RAV4 was dubbed 'the GTI off-roader' and revolutionised the small 4x4 sector. The Japanese marque recognised that few 4x4s actually went anywhere where they needed extra traction, so it concentrated on maximising on-road performance and comfort – the RAV was a huge success. The Mark II (pictured) was chunkier and roomier with removable rear seats while the current range has folding rear seats. Marks I and II included three as well as five-door models.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
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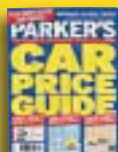


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147, T SPARK LUSO, 2005, abs brakes alloy wheels climate control cruise control electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering single cd player trip computer remote central locking rear seat entertainment, silver, 33578 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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1 SERIES, 116i Sport, 2004, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloys drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats trip computer twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, titanium silver, 41350 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, 330 ci auto convertible, 2000, orient blue metallic with sand beige sport leather, 60000 miles, £8995, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, 330d m sport coupe, 2004, sapphire black metallic with beige leather sport s, 98000 miles, £7950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

M5, MSport, 2009, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloys automatic transmission bluetooth car kit cd player central locking climate control cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights heated seats immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors leather interior multiple airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, metallic black, 22000 miles, £26000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

Z4, Z4 2.5 Convertible, 1v53gkf, power hood, electric mirrors, electric windows, climate control, full leather, cd player, radio, traction control, abs, power steering, immobiliser, remote central locking, multiple airbags, front fog lamps, 17" alloys, sapphire black met, 77000 miles, £9289, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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BERLINGO, 1.6 HDi 75hp L1 625 X van, 2008, white, 10000 miles, £6000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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BERLINGO, Forte, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning central locking electric windows immobiliser split folding rear seats remote central locking, artic steel, 10250 miles, £6000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FIAT

500, SPORT, 2008, air conditioning bluetooth car kit electric windows front fog lights immobiliser mp3 player multiple airbags power steering single cd player sports seats tinted glass trip computer curtain airbags remote central locking remote audio controls, orange, 7189 miles, £10000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

500, 16v, 2008, cd player drivers airbag, red, 261 miles, £14000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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BRAVO, Multijet 165 Sport, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, red, 11549 miles, £13000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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FIESTA, Style 1.4 Tdci, 2007, tango red metallic with charcoal trim, 38000 miles, £5490, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Zetec Climate 1.6 TDCi, 2008, panther black, 20000 miles, £8495, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

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FOCUS, Zetec, 2001, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking drivers airbag immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, blue, 54028 miles, £5100, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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JAGUAR

S-TYPE, SE AUTO, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission drivers airbag electric windows full service history metallic paint leather interior power steering, black, 51350 miles, £8990, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

S-TYPE, 2.7, 2007, black, 41440 miles, £20900, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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S-TYPE, 2.7, 2007, red, 41440 miles, £20800, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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KIA

RIO, Zapp, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning cd player diesel drivers airbag electric windows full service history power steering, red, 31456 miles, £5580, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

RIO, Zapp, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning cd player diesel drivers airbag electric windows full service history power steering, red, 31456 miles, £5580, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MAZDA

2, 1.4, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser, green, 55 miles, £12000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

2, 1.4, 2008, red, 55 miles, £11900, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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CLC220 CDI, 2009, jasper blue metallic, 5000 miles, £19494, Tonbridge, 0844 558 7055 (TRADE)

CLC220 CDI, 2009, carmel red metallic, 9658 miles, £20998, Canterbury, 0844 558 7049 (TRADE)

CLC220 CDI, 2010, iridium silver metallic, 6000 miles, £19994, Tonbridge, 0844 558 7055 (TRADE)

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COOPER, 1.6, 2003, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering tonneau cover trip computer auto headlights and wipers, electric blue, 46739 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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COLT, CZ1, 2006, abs brakes central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player trip computer twin airbags isofix child seat points, metallic black, 29000 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

COLT, CZ2 Di-D (Auto), 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser multiple airbags power steering remote central locking, grey, 29698 miles, £5780, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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ALMERA, 1.5, 2008, blue, 44 miles, £8100, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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1007, 1.4 DOLCE, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats sports seats tonneau cover traction control remote central locking, flamenco red, 33330 miles, £4500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

206, Style Zest 3dr, 7627079, power steering, abs, cd player, radio, twin air bags, remote central locking, remote alarm, front fog lamps, rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, silver, 26900 miles, £4395, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

RENAULT

MEGANE, 1.6, 2008, central locking electric windows metallic paint, blue, 44 miles, £24890, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MEGANE, 1.6, 2008, black, 44 miles, £22600, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

SCENIC, s, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking climate control electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking remote audio controls, green, 55000 miles, £5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

VAUXHALL

ASTRA, Elite 1.8i 16v Automatic, 2008, black metallic with charcoal leather, 27000 miles, £7490, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

CORSA, Energy, 2004, vauxhall corsa for sale, one lady owner from new, drives lovely and starts everytime, features include: -alloy wheels -1.0 l, petrol -electric front windows -stereo/cd player -height adjustable drivers seat -remote central locking -abs breaks -cheap insurance great run around, with cheap petrol, and insurance. vgc has small scratch/dent along drivers side (hence lower price although i was quoted £200 to get this repaired) recently had a new cambelt fitted, mot till july 2010, tax till june 2010, service history, if interested please get in touch and i will forward on photographs, grey (moondust silver), 67000 miles, £2500, Tracey Ramsay, Kent, 01634 852539 (PRIVATE)

CORSA, Life, 2008, abs brakes electric windows immobiliser remote central locking, silver, 23000 miles, £7300, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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PROPERTY NEWS



Trackers no longer the bargains they seemed

Steve Osborne, *The Mortgage Man*, shares his expertise with you in this new fortnightly column

A HEALTHY rise in house purchases over the past three months suggests that the spring sunshine has managed to warm up the housing market, even if it is still struggling to chase off the cold and frosty weather.

It is perhaps appropriate for this first column to begin with the welcome news that the shoots of recovery really are beginning to show.

The Mortgage Company has seen a noticeable rise in purchases over the past three months.

Before the recession there was a lot of interest in tracker mortgages – but are they still such a good deal now, or would you be better off looking at one of the fixed rate products?

Before the financial crisis, lenders were offering tracker rates as low as 0.1 per cent above Bank of England Base Rate, which was up to 5.75 per cent.

Since then, the base rate has fallen to an all-time low of 0.5 per cent, but lenders have steadily increased their tracker margins to an average of 2.5 per cent above base. The cheapest deal is currently 1.44 per cent above base, but this comes with a big fee, and a more realistic rate would be between 2.5 per cent and three per cent.

Compare that with current fixed rates, which start at 2.89 per cent for two years, and you start to see that trackers are no longer that special, and fixed rate mortgages will give you absolute certainty over your monthly payments.

With an election looming and a huge amount of government borrowing to repay, you might think rates could rise. There is no realistic opportunity for rates to fall, and the reassurance of knowing how much you are going to have to pay may balance the slight extra cost at the outset.

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Check tenants to avoid criminal damage costs

■ BY NICK AMES

PRIVATELY-rented properties throughout the UK are being targeted by criminal gangs as a smokescreen for brothels and drug factories.

According to the National Landlords' Association (NLA), gangsters are attracted to rented properties for growing cannabis and manufacturing crystal meth because they are often in quiet residential areas where their activities can continue undisturbed.

Not only is the activity illegal, it could also pose a substantial fire risk as electricity cables are wired up or bypassed.

"If they are caught it is not the criminal tenant who has to foot the bill for damages to the property but the landlord," said David Plaister of landlord's group LetAssured UK Ltd.

One professional landlord reported that repairs to two of his properties that had been used to grow cannabis cost more than £20,000.

The criminals had removed internal walls and disconnected the properties from the mains electricity, thus by-passing the meter.

LetAssured recommend that landlords ensure that their tenants are comprehensively referenced using advanced data monitoring.

Mr Plaister said: "We would include credit checks, employer references and previous landlord references in our search."

"We empower landlords to visit their properties on a regular basis and not leave this to a managing agent, should the property be managed."

The NLA also recommends that landlords who suspect their tenants of criminal activity do not confront them but go straight to the police.

NLA chairman David Salusbury said that in many cases landlords could face repair bills of thousands of pounds, as many insurance policies are rendered invalid when criminal activity takes place in a property.

His comments came as police in the UK called on insurers to add clauses to policies so that landlords are no longer covered if their



CANNABIS FACTORY: By-passing electricity meters could pose a substantial fire risk to your property

properties are damaged by cannabis growers.

The police want landlords to be registered along with their properties, and the properties to be inspected by local authorities.

The association highlighted five ways for landlords to combat criminal gangs:

- Take detailed references. These should include a credit check, and references from their employer and their current landlord.
- Don't take rent up front. Often criminals offer this as a way to ensure they are left alone.
- Check on the property regularly. This can be done at least quarterly or more regularly if you have concerns, provided you have given sufficient notice.
- Get to know the neighbours, as they can alert you to any suspicious activity.
- If you have suspicions of criminal behaviour

do not confront your tenant. Go straight to the police.

Mr Salusbury said it was vital that landlords were aware of the threat criminals posed.

He said: "Criminal activity not only has an impact on the landlord's property, but on the community as whole."

"The production of some drugs involves highly flammable material, which poses a dangerous fire risk. More worryingly, criminals use the proceeds of their crime to fund other, more serious crimes, such as people trafficking."

"You may think 'it will never happen to me', but these incidents are on the increase. The checks you make before a tenant moves in are a key way to prevent becoming a victim of these crimes."

Cut out estate agent for better deal, says expert

A SHAKE-UP in how property is sold could help people get a better deal, a report from the Office of Fair Trading has suggested.

Industry expert David Amstell, founder of property website Briffy.com, which offers online property listings for just £55, said regulations to allow vendors to put their homes online themselves would "cut out the estate

agent and all the nonsense that comes with them".

He claims that property prices go up because of the hype that agents create.

"If it wasn't for agents, property prices would probably be a lot lower," Mr Amstell said. "And, in reality, agents for the most part only do what vendors could do them-

selves – list their property online", he added.

The OFT report found that updating legislation to allow new entrants into the market could give buyers and sellers a better arrangement.

It highlighted weak competition between agents on fees and the correlation between rising house prices and higher charges.

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- 5 bathrooms
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CHERITON £199,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03010

- 3 bed detached
- Garage and driveway
- Private rear garden



FOLKESTONE £82,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03071

- One bedroom first floor flat
- Large lounge
- Built-in wardrobes



CHERITON £179,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP02098

- 3 bedroom flat
- Large rooms
- New kitchen and bathroom



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FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03199

- 2 double bedrooms
- Approx 70FT garden
- No onward chain



FOLKESTONE £369,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03126

- 3 bedroom detached
- Approx 1.5 acres of land
- No chain/Quick sale required due to moving abroad



HAWKINGE £220,000

FOLKESTONE HFP03186

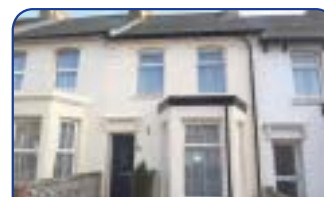
- 4 bed semi-detached
- Garage
- Popular village location



FOLKESTONE £89,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03088

- One bedroom flat
- Private rear garden
- Close to the town centre



FOLKESTONE £124,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03144

- 2 bedroom terraced
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- Modern fitted bathroom suite

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- 2 bed end of terrace
- Beautifully renovated
- No onward chain



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FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03028

- Investment opportunity
- No chain
- 5 flats



CHERITON £189,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03072

- Quiet Cul-De-Sac location
- 2 bed detached bungalow
- Garage and parking



FOLKESTONE £235,000

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03123

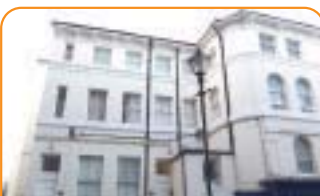
- 3 bedroom first floor apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Shower room and bathroom



EASTCLIFF £60,000

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03070

- FTB or investment
- Studio flat
- No chain



FOLKESTONE £70,000

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03148

- 1 bedroom apartment
- Central location
- No onward chain



FOLKESTONE £154,995

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- Spacious Maisonette, no chain
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- 2 bedroom house
- Superb renovation
- No chain



FOLKESTONE £129,500

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03066

- Two bedroom end of terrace
- GCH/Part double glazed
- Garden



WEST END £249,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03050

- 3 bed flat
- Private garden
- Garage



WEST END £139,950

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP02526

- 3 Bedrooms top floor flat
- Views over Grimston Gardens
- No chain, share of freehold



DOVER £159,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03184

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- Sea views



HAWKINGE £299,995

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- Lounge/diner, extended kitchen
- Double glazing, play area to loft



DOVER £135,000

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03169

- Large lounge/diner
- Good size garden
- Very quiet location



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FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03087

- 3 bedroom terrace
- Allocated parking
- Rear garden



BROADMEAD VILLAGE £279,995

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- OSP/single garage



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This two bedroom terraced property is offered to the market chain free and is located in a central and popular location. The property has recently been decorated



throughout and includes a modern kitchen area.

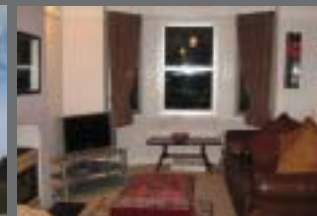
FOLKESTONE

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£139,950

Three bedroom terrace. Through lounge diner, kitchen and bathroom. The property has central heating and is part double glazed and there is a lawned rear garden.



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DOVER

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NO CHAIN. Four bed maisonette. Lounge, kitchen and cloakroom to the ground floor, two bedrooms and bathroom on first floor and two further bedrooms on the second floor. D. glazing, gas central heating, rear garden.

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The property comprises an open plan living area with storage cupboard through to kitchen area. To the rear of the property is a modern bathroom with white suite and a double bedroom with French doors leading onto the private and enclosed courtyard.

FOLKESTONE Folkestone 01303 259211



ASKING PRICE £79,995

Flat which comprises communal entrance with stairs to the top floor, hallway with built in storage cupboard, lounge leading to well fitted modern kitchen, bedroom and shower room/WC. Double glazing and central heating.

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Hythe | Price: £101,000

- Large 2 Bedroom Maisonette
- Allocated Garden, Private Entrance
- Double Glazing, Central Heating

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Folkestone | Price: £90,000

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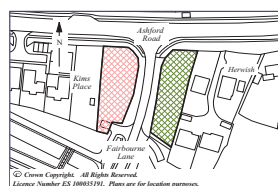
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Vacant detached double fronted 2 bedroom bungalow located in a popular residential area on the west side of town close to 'bus route, local shops and railway station.

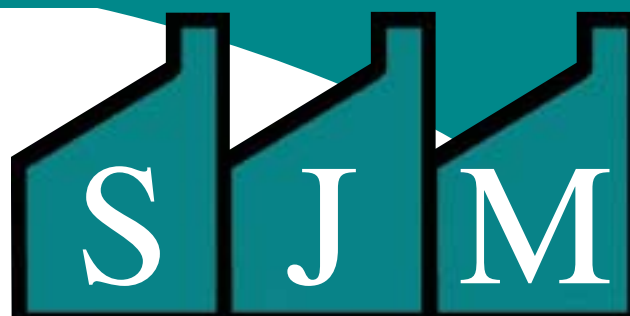


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KENNINGTON

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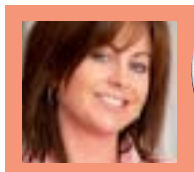


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RUGBY



TIGHT: Dover won with the last move of the game

Sharks leave it late to snatch victory

Chobham 18 Dover 24

DOVER scored a crucial try in the final minute of their game at Chobham to register a valuable two points as they continue their bid for a play-off place.

The Sharks were forced into numerous changes from their last outing and a lack of cohesion was noticeable as the home side scored an unconverted try in the corner.

The visitors rallied and on 12 minutes took the lead. Mark Beaumont made a penetrating run before offloading to Ben Murray in support and Dan Robinson sprinted the final ten metres to touch down, with Blair Charge adding the extras. Chobham then regained the lead from a penalty before Dover missed a golden opportunity following some excellent rugby when a handling error cost them a certain seven points.

However, it wasn't to be long before Dover scored their second try on 38 minutes. From a Chobham line-out, Dover's midfield forced a handling error and with the scrummage won, Dover had several phases of play forward and with the ball being spread across the pitch through a number of hands, Charge was put clear to touch down and add the conversion.

With only a few minutes left in the half, the visitors decided to play a game of suicide on their try line, instead of clearing the ball. This error provided the hosts with the territory they needed and despite missing a drop-goal effort, the resulting line-out allowed their pack to power over for an unconverted score.

Charge increased Dover's lead on 47 minutes with another penalty. Chobham then applied pressure once more from a line-out and forced their way over for another unconverted score.

With the final play of the game, Dover secured the last scrum and Beaumont took possession, found a gap and made a sniping run to touch down with the extras added to secure a much-needed win.



BACK ON TRACK: Shaun Welford, left, rounds the goalkeeper to wrap up three crucial points for Dover, while new signing Joe Tabiri, right, made his debut in the centre of midfield



Picture: SIMON HARRIS

Whites back in hunt for promotion after victory

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

Basingstoke Town 1

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Dover Athletic 3

Collin 4, Schulz 27, Welford 34

Dover held firm to see out a comfortable win.

Hessenthaler said: "It's nice to get back to winning ways and bounce back after a defeat against Worcester. It was a difficult pitch for the boys to play on, but they battled hard and got the result."

"They knew the performance against Worcester was unacceptable, so it was a good response from the players, but the win has come at a cost with Shaun Welford and Olly Schulz picking up knocks. We're back in the play-off picture again and only three points back, but there's a long way to go still."

Saturday's game saw new loan signing Joe Tabiri make his debut for the club after joining on a one-month loan from League Two side

Dover starting XI



Subs used: Moore (Walder 68), Cumbers (Collin 84), Leberl (Rogers 86)

Barnet. The 20-year-old midfielder has already played in the division for Havant & Waterlooville this season. His arrival followed the departure of Lee Browning, who has been released after two years at Crabbie.

Hessenthaler said: "Obviously it's disappointing to see Lee leave and it is one of those decisions I may live to regret. He has been struggling with injuries, but the door will still be open. I will invite him to pre-season training for next season and we will see how it goes from there."

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Invicta's lack of punch up front highlighted in draw

FOOTBALL

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Folkestone Invicta 0

Leatherhead 0

WHILE this weekend's game between Worthing and Folkestone Invicta will not decide the destination of the Ryman Division One South title, it can surely have a large bearing on the season.

The pair finished last weekend as the top two sides in the division, following Invicta's goalless draw at home to Leatherhead, while Worthing were 4-0 winners at Corinthian Casuals.

Folkestone must find a way past Kent rivals Ashford Town at Homelands tonight as they look to regain the momentum which saw them record four straight wins prior to Saturday.

Manager Neil Cugley named the same side which beat Eastbourne Town last Tuesday, with Lee Spiller continuing to deputise for the injured Jimmy Jackson.

A first-half of few chances saw the Tanners go close when Kev Terry shot across the face of goal, before Darren Smith's free-kick was



HARD WORK: Darren Smith in action for Folkestone

headed goalwards by James Everitt, only for Leatherhead goalkeeper Colin Harris to hold the effort.

Invicta then produced a surge late in the half, with Frankie Chappell directing his header straight at Harris before Brendan Cass came to life with a shot from the edge of the box that flew just wide.

Cass, who had scored the winner in his two previous outings since arriving at Cheriton Road from Chatham Town, compiled a catalogue of near-misses in the second-half as the

Folkestone Invicta starting XI



Subs used: Williams (Spiller 70)

leaders went in search of a winner. Barely 20 seconds had elapsed after the interval when he sent an effort narrowly over, with Terry replicating the feat at the other end. Josh Vincent's cross then made its way to Cass, but the striker was unable to keep his shot down and the ball ballooned over.

Josh Burchell combined with Liam Friend to set up Cass as the stalemate remained, but again he failed to hit the target as the stubborn visitors dug their heels in for a point.

It could have been worse for Folkestone in injury-time when Chappell's back-header dropped short enough for substitute Tommy Hutchings to run on to. Invicta keeper Jack Delo, however, was alert and pulled off a smart save as Hutchings looked to seal an unlikely win.

One positive for Invicta was their fourth consecutive clean sheet – further evidence of why Cugley's side boast the division's best defensive record. However, only the bottom five clubs have scored fewer goals than Folkestone and that must change if they are to pip Worthing and Croydon to the championship.

RUGBY



YELLOW CARD: Jack Murray was sin-binned

Stones give it their all but G&F put end to Twickers dream

Folkestone 7 Gosport & Fareham 15

FOLKESTONE put in a dogged display as they exited the Senior Vase at the regional semi-final stage.

The Stones, eighth in London 3 South East, were up against a Gosport & Fareham side top of their division and having lost just two games all season.

Coach Lee Jeffery had to get the best out of his team and he did. It was the home team who scored the only try of the match, but before that, G&F had taken the lead with a well-taken penalty 45 metres out and it was the visiting goal kicker who broke Stones' hearts with some accurate kicks in the game.

The visiting pack were also very much on top, but amazingly the home score came from a scrum going backwards. It was about ten yards from the visitor's try line, right in front of goal but the visiting pack turned the screw and drove Folkestone backwards and seemingly out of the danger zone.

Somehow Jeffery managed to pick the ball up and drove out of the scrum. The pack got to him quickly and drove him for the line where he offloaded to Scott Stewart to dive over the line. Chris Petley added the conversion to give the home side a 7-3 lead which they held going into the break.

Late in the second-half Folkestone enjoyed a purple patch but were unable to extend their lead and that proved pivotal.

The visitor's kicker hit three penalties to give his side a 12-7 lead. Folkestone knew that a converted try could still win the game and they threw everything at G&F but the visitors held firm.

Then with the minutes ticking away, the referee issued Jack McMurray with a yellow card which meant he had to sit the rest of the game out. There was just enough time for G&F to register another three points from a drop goal to seal their place in the next round.

LEAGUE TABLE

(Not including midweek games)

BLUE SQUARE SOUTH

1 Newport County	34	26	7	1	+59	85
2 Chelmsford City	34	18	7	9	+12	61
3 Braintree Town	33	15	13	5	+13	58
4 Staines Town	34	15	12	7	+19	57
5 Bath City	33	15	11	7	+17	56
6 Eastleigh	34	15	8	11	+13	53
7 Dover Athletic	33	15	8	10	+11	53
8 St Albans City	34	15	6	13	+3	51
9 Thurrock	34	14	8	10	+12	50
10 Welling United	33	14	8	11	+9	50
11 Bromley	34	14	8	12	+6	50
12 Havant & Waterlooville	32	12	12	8	+4	48
13 Woking	32	13	8	11	-1	47
14 Basingstoke Town	34	12	7	15	-11	43
15 Maidenhead United	32	10	9	13	-1	39
16 Dorchester Town	35	10	9	16	-15	39
17 Bishops Cleeve	34	10	7	17	-13	37
18 Hampton & Richmond	31	8	9	14	-14	33
19 Worcester City	35	8	8	19	-12	32
20 Lewes	33	4	13	16	-21	25
21 Weston-super-Mare	34	4	8	22	-29	20
22 Weymouth	34	4	6	24	-57	18

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1 Worthing	32	20	3	9	+26	63
2 Folkestone Invicta (10)	31	22	6	3	+24	62
3 Croydon Athletic	29	18	6	5	+14	60
4 Fleet Town	31	17	4	10	+20	55
5 Walton & Hersham	32	16	6	10	+10	54
6 Godalming Town (3)	29	17	3	9	+15	51
7 Sittingbourne	29	15	5	9	+22	50
8 Burgess Hill Town	31	13	9	9	-7	48
9 Horsham YMCA	35	11	13	11	+3	46
10 Leatherhead	29	13	5	11	+12	44
11 Metropolitan Police	31	11	9	11	+8	42
12 Chatham Town	32	13	13	12	-2	42
13 Whyteleafe	32	12	5	15	+3	41
14 Ramsgate	32	10	11	11	-4	41
15 Mersham	31	10	9	12	-10	39
16 Dulwich Hamlet	31	9	12	4	-37	37
17 Corinthian-Casuals	32	11	3	18	-16	36
18 Chipstead	32	8	6	18	-17	30
19 Walton Casuals	33	6	8	19	-22	26
20 Ashford Town	29	6	8	15	-29	26
21 Whitstable Town	30	8	2	20	-39	26
22 Eastbourne Town	33	5	10	18	-31	25

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Faversham Town	22	18	2	2	41	56
2 Herne Bay	19	14	1	5	20	43
3 Sevenoaks Town	20	11	4	5	12	37
4 Beckenham Town	21	10	5	6	17	35
5 Hythe Town	20	9	6	5	24	33
6 Greenwich Borough	21	9	6	6	9	33
7 Erith & Belvedere	22	9	6	7	-2	33
8 Erith Town	20	9	5	6	9	32
9 Deal Town	19	8	5	6	1	29
10 Tunbridge Wells	21	6	7	8	-3	25
11 Sporting Bengal Utd	26	7	4	15	-36	21
12 Holmesdale	20	6	3	11	-4	21
13 Norton Sports	19	5	2	20	-8	20
14 Fisher	21	4	4	13	-24	16
15 Corinthian	22	4	3	15	-30	15
16 Lordswood	21	1	8	12	-26	11

FIXTURES (Wednesday): Ryman Division One South: Ashford Town v Folkestone Invicta (Saturday) Blue Square South: Dover Athletic v Bromley; Ryman Division One South: Worthing v Folkestone Invicta; Kent League Premier Division: Sevenoaks Town v Deal Town; Hythe Town v Greenwich Borough

Porter sent to the stands as Hythe's struggles continue

FOOTBALL

Erith & Belvedere 1 Hythe Town 1

HYTHE Town's winless Kent League run extended to five games following Saturday's ill-tempered draw at Erith & Belvedere.

Both Hythe and Erith & Belvedere created chances from the first whistle, with Luke May going close for the home side and Dave Cook hitting the post early on.

However, it was the Deres who opened the scoring on 16 minutes with Aiden Purselove's penalty. A succession of failed penalty appeals saw Hythe boss Scott Porter lose his cool and he was sent to the stands shortly after.

Temper flared once again in the second-half, when Cook was sent off after receiving his second yellow card of the game.

Despite being reduced to ten men, Hythe continued to push forward and with ten minutes of the game remaining, Craig Thompson nodded home an equaliser.

The Deres were reduced to ten men when Tarik Ozresberglu received his marching orders in the dying minutes. The point sees Hythe drop to fifth in the league table.

While Hythe stuttered, a brace from Deal Town's Mo Takaloo helped Derek Hares' side to a 2-1 win against Holmesdale.

Deal made a slow start to the game and it was the visitors who opened the scoring on 12 minutes through Billy Hughes. It didn't take long for Deal to react and 12 minutes later, Takaloo levelled the scores.

The former Ramsgate and Maidstone



EQUALISER: Craig Thompson's (pictured) header earned Hythe Town a share of the points

United striker gave Deal the lead four minutes before the break, which they refused to give up to close out their eighth win of the season.

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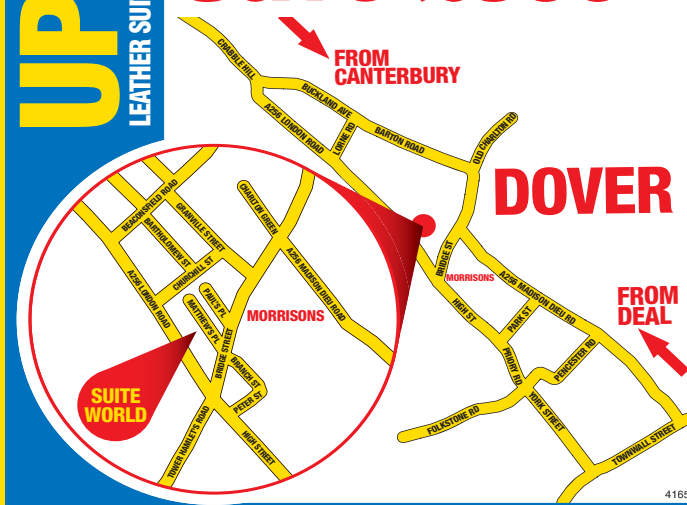


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